

Serving Agawam and Feeding Hills Since 1965

AGAWAM

Advertiser News

MARCH 6, 2014

VOL. 35, NO. 52

\$1.00



Daylight Saving
Time Begins
March 9

INSIDE

Calendar 19
Families 5
Education 8
Public Safety 9
Sports 12
Classifieds 16

20 PAGES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION

www.turley.com

Students jump for heart health

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

After being squirted with 50 cans of Silly String by nearly 400 students, Joe Heney was covered in strands of brightly-colored, plastic string – and he was thrilled.

Passionate about helping families and children who have cardiovascular issues, the squirting of Silly String was one way Heney encouraged his physical education students at the Robinson Park Elementary School to participate in the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart."

During the month-long event, students learn jump-rope skills, focus on learning about the heart and heart health, and collect money to help children with heart problems. Each year for the past four years that the school has participated, Heney has offered a special challenge as an extra incentive for students to meet the school's fundraising goal. This year's challenge: Every student who donated could squirt him with Silly String.

A triple challenge

As an added bonus, the two highest donors in grades K to 4

Please see HEART, page 10



Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

Robinson Park Elementary School second-grader Donovan Salva creams physical education teacher Joe Heney as an incentive for raising money for the American Heart Association. Salva was the top fundraiser among students in grades K-4.

Cohen: Union contracts negotiated in good faith

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – A swing vote went the union's way and two councilors changed their votes as the contracts for seven different Agawam town employee unions were funded by the Agawam City Council Monday night.

The contracts and subsequent funding resolutions were approved by the city council in a vote of 8-3 as the contracts came before them for the second time. The funding for the contracts was turned down when the council was deadlocked 5-5 on Jan. 21. Without a majority, the funding was defeated. Mayor Richard Cohen re-submitted the contracts after lawyers for the seven unions refused to renegotiate. After one appearance as new business on the agenda, the contracts came up for vote again on Feb. 18. The meeting was snowed out and postponed until Monday night.

Council President Christopher Johnson, Vice President Dennis Perry and Councilor Cecilia Calabrese maintained their dissenting votes while Councilors Robert Rossi and Donald Rheault changed their votes to favor the contracts. Councilor Gina Letellier was absent due to illness when the original vote occurred. She

voted in favor of the contracts citing the fact the school employees received the same raises proposed for the town employees.

"I believe it would be fundamentally unfair not to approve the contracts since the schools have already had their contracts approved," said Letellier.

Letellier did acknowledge that the city council attempted to limit the unions to a 1.5 percent raise for fiscal year 2014 by cutting funding from the salary reserve line item. Cohen claimed there are enough monies to fund the 2 percent raise negotiated by the unions, which is equal to the raises secured by school employees for this year.

The contract calls for 1.5 percent raises in 2015 and 2016. John Connor, an attorney for four of the seven unions, requested the council approve the contracts before the meeting, saying they risked facing litigation for violating Massachusetts General Law by trying to indirectly negotiate the contracts.

"We do have to think about the fact that the amount we set aside for the contract was exceeded," said Letellier.

Councilors Joseph Mineo, George Bitzas and Paul Cavallo all encouraged their fellow councilors to approve the contracts.

"It troubles me when the lawyers are saying they will sue us," said Bitzas. "The lawsuit will cost us more than the raises."

Mineo said he would again be

Please see UNION, page 6

Agawam Family and Community Program reflects on past successes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam Family and Community Program is continuing to gain interest as the program makes a shift from helping care providers to individual families.

Evidence of the increased interest was on display Monday night and last Friday night with events held in town.

Outreach Coordinator Michelle Connery said the program's latest event held on March 3 at the Agawam Public Library drew nearly

60 parents. The workshop titled "Anxiety and Your Child" attacked a growing issue in today's society. Connery says the workshop drew a lot of questions, and she and other parents learned much from it.

"No one can really point to a particular reason that this anxiety exists," said Connor. "But the rise can be partially attributed to children having a lot less downtime now. We also have more competition in school and sports. The culture has really changed."

The anxiety workshop followed a workshop held on Feb. 28 that featured two of the eight authors of the book "Just Ordinary Moms." The book is a compilation of real

stories told by different moms to help other moms feel less alone. Connery said the Agawam Family and Community Program aims to accomplish that particular goal.

"We want to provide parents and families with resources that will help them feel better about parenting," said Connery. "So many parents feel isolated and have questions. We want to use our programs to help empower them."

According to Connery, the program is striving to become an informational hub for current and future Agawam families with children ages birth through 13 years. They try to provide families with

See SUCCESSES, page 6

Six Flags touts scholarship opportunity

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

Six Flags New England has provided fun and seasonal work for hundreds of Agawam High School students over the years. Now, it could become a destination for students considering a full-time career in the theme park industry.

This spring, the theme park in Agawam's backyard will award its first scholarships for AHS graduating seniors. The scholarships – each with a value of \$2,000 – were approved by the school



committee in late February.

Scholarships will be awarded to two students planning careers in marketing, entertainment, hospitality or engineering. Selection

See SIX FLAGS, page 6

Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Jennifer McGrath, a 2004 AHS graduate, is now communications manager at Six Flags New England. She hopes a new scholarship program she helped to develop for AHS seniors will inspire students at her alma mater to pursue theme park careers.



Glenmeadow Retirement to sponsor presentation on authentic leadership

AGAWAM – Glenmeadow Retirement will sponsor a workshop on authentic leadership on Tuesday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Agawam Public Library.

The workshop, “Authentic Leadership: The Principles Behind Becoming Whole and Taking Charge,” will be offered by a husband-and-wife team of authors, Steven Mundahl and Sharon Massoth. They will share their own leadership expertise and passionate views on what it takes to become an authentic leader. The presentation will combine humorous self-disclosure with knowledge the two gained through writing their book, *The Alchemy of Authentic Leadership*. The workshop will help participants learn how to be better leaders, whether they run a family or a major corporation.

Mundahl is the president of Goodwill Industries of the Pioneer Valley and an adjunct professor in Bay Path College’s Nonprofit Management Program; he has also authored several books. Massoth is a psychotherapist and intuitive business coach. She works with leaders nationally in the areas of authentic leadership and intuition for success. The couple lives in Suffield, Conn.



The free presentation will be held at Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

For more information or to enroll, contact Glenmeadow at (413) 567-7800 or email learning@glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow.org/learning for more information.

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we’ll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Kimberly Hatch

You may have spotted this architectural feature if you attended Ash Wednesday services this week. Tell us, do you know where it’s located?



Last week’s photo: Jacqueline Prendergast correctly identified the working stiff outside Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS PAPER

Regular School Committee meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, March 11 – 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Executive session – 6:30 p.m. (Contract Negotiations)
3. Moment of silence
4. Roll call of attendance
5. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
6. Citizen’s Speak Time:
7. Highlights on Education
 - a. “Jump Rope for Heart” charity drive
 8. Superintendent’s Notes
 9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
 10. Unfinished business:
 - a. SCR-14-06, Approval of use of AHS auditorium by The Mary Ann Studio of Dance for recital on June 19 and June 20, 2014
 11. Business meeting:

- a. Routine matters
 - 1) Approval of minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - 3) Warrants/Transfers
- c. Reports:
 - 1). Scheduled reports:
 - Special Education Program update – April Rist and Kimberly Cass
 - 2). Subcommittee updates
 12. New business:
 - a. SCR-14-08, Approval of AHS Band trip to Williamsburg, Virginia from April 24-28, 2014
 - b. SCR-14-09, Approval to authorize preparation of Statement of Interest for Agawam High School renovations
 - c. SCR-14-10, Approval to dedicate the AHS greenhouse in honor of founders Richard Borgatti, Harold Clark, and Julian Miodowski
 13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 14. Adjournment

Book-signing event to feature local author

Robert F. Hurley, of Agawam, the author of “Unlocking a Lasting Legacy...with Life Insurance” will be at Morning Star Christian Book & Music Store, located at 246 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, Friday, March 14, from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 15, from noon to 7 p.m. for a book-signing event.

Hurley published his book with Abba Father Media, Inc., located in Agawam. He has drawn from his 30-plus years’ experience in the financial products industry to bring together the desire of people to leave a financial legacy for their heirs with the unique use of life insurance to achieve it. This book

also depicts how providing an inheritance for heirs is spoken about and illustrated to us in the Bible. This book is the first of four financial books Hurley plans to publish this year.

A resident of Agawam for over 25 years, Hurley is a graduate of Cathedral High School and Western New England University. He and his wife, Kimberly, have been married for 26 years and have two daughters, Caitlin and Christa.

For more information, contact Hurley at bumpga@gmail.com or call (413) 537-7951.

Community Solar Is Coming To Massachusetts

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Nothing On Your Roof! | Savings On Your Electric Bill!

RESERVE YOUR PANELS TODAY!

FREE Solar Quote
— AT —
masscommunitysolar.com/agawam

800.646.0323 | info@masscommunitysolar.com

Clean Energy COLLECTIVE.

STATE LINE PROPANE
Family Owned

Call us for Fireplace and Gas Logs. Sales, Service and Installation. We'll Keep You Warm this Winter.

500 Salmon Brook Street Rte. 10 & 202, Granby, CT 860-653-8076
www.StateLinePropane.com
License SI-303179, PI-204150, Fuel Dealer Lic: H0D0000737
All propane products require professional installation

Bob Longo Construction
45 Years Specializing In Kitchens & Additions

Turn Your Existing Basement Into A Family Room & Bath
Porches & Sunrooms • Bathrooms • Vinyl Siding
Add Living Space With A Custom Designed Deck
Window & Slider Replacement, Vinyl Or Wood

ALL BACKED BY BOB LONGO'S REPUTATION FOR QUALITY & DEPENDABILITY
All Work Completed Quickly & Efficiently

FREE CUSTOM DESIGN AGAWAM **413-789-0758** Fully Insured Free Estimates

Agawam Advertiser News Obituary Policy

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$50, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Fundraiser supports Eagle Scout candidate

Dan Robie, Agawam Troop 82 Eagle Scout candidate, is working on fundraising for his service project of building new team benches at St. John's Field in Agawam. In support of that effort, Dave's Soda and Pet City in Agawam will donate 2 percent of the proceeds from the purchase of anyone that brings a copy of this article (Code FODBOY82) to the store at 51 Springfield St. in Agawam.

Monetary and/or in-kind donations may be sent to "Boy Scout Troop 82," c/o Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001.

For more information, email: drobie11@comcast.net.

AHS Counseling Bulletin

College Acceptances:

Caitlin McCarthy: Hampshire College; Matthew Catjackis, Springfield Technical Community College; Mae Gomez: Old Dominion University, Roger Williams University, Westfield State University; Cody Janicki: Westfield State University; Daniel Jensen: UMASS Dartmouth, Western New England University, Worcester State University, Westfield State University, Endicott College, Bryant University; Mohammad Khan: Western New England University; Rebecca McKiernan: Salem State University; T.J. Lockwood: University of Rhode Island; Lauren Blanchard: Springfield Technical Community College, Westfield State University; Alexis Vecchiarelli: Worcester State University; Kerry DeForge: Worcester State University, Simmons College, Loyola University Chicago; Brooke Gamelli: New England College, Western New England University; Nolan Sheridan: University of Virginia, University of Rhode Island; Danielle Stratton: Worcester State University, Bridgewater State University, Endicott College; Joshua DeBarros: Westfield State University.

Open Houses/Informational Session:

Many colleges are hosting events in the next few weeks. Check the counseling website for listings.

STCC Decision Day: STCC will hold

On-The-Spot Decision Day at AHS March 11. Interested applicants must sign up in the counseling office. Signed applications must be submitted that day. No application fee is needed.

ACT's: April 12 - sign up by March 7; June 14 - sign up by May 9.

SAT's: May 3 - sign up by April 4; June 7 - sign up by May 9.

Springfield National College Fair: Sunday, March 30, 1-4 p.m. at The Big E. Register www.gotomyncf.com. View a list of participating institutions by clicking on the college fair link on the same website. Check the list often for updates.

Financial Aid: American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications. Call (877) 332-4348 or visit www.asa.org/plan for assistance.

Seniors: Colleges/universities (4-year) are looking for your term 2 grades. Give Mrs. Ledger, counseling secretary, a regular-sized envelope with your name in the left hand corner, 1 stamp in the right hand corner and the address of each school you applied to for the end of this month. She will provide them with an updated transcript once grades are all set.

Scholarships: Check the counseling website for a list of available scholarships.

Boldyga receives prestigious Legion award

The American Legion, District 3, held its annual awards ceremony Saturday, March 1, at the Chicopee Post to honor and award those in the community that have gone above and beyond to support veterans.

The event is held to recognize individuals that have made significant contributions to support the posts' mission. One of the most esteemed awards of the night, the Legislative Award, was given to state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, for his continuous efforts to raise community awareness and support for veterans in the community.

"We chose Rep. Boldyga as the recipient of this award for everything he does for our veterans and for his continued support of the Valor Act and Valor Act II," said Drew Pajak, sergeant at arms for the District 3 American Legion. "He is active and visible in the community when it comes to supporting veterans."

In the past two years, the Valor Act and the Valor Act II were signed into law by the Massachusetts legislature. The bills provide increased support for veteran-owned businesses, Gold Star Families, military children, and provide access to higher education. The

legislation works on many fronts to help veterans and active military members improve business, educational and housing opportunities. The legislation also removes certain educational obstacles by requiring the state's public institutions of higher learning to adopt new policies and procedures for awarding proper academic credit for a student's prior military training, coursework and experience.

"I am extremely proud to have been considered for the Legislative Award and it is a tremendous honor," said Boldyga. "The men and women who serve in our military have made enormous sacrifices for our country and to preserve our freedom. They have put their lives on the line to preserve our way of life and I will continue to support them as they return home."

The local American Legion Posts serve as a hallmark for community outreach and support. They have been instrumental in providing a venue for many organizations, individuals and youth to raise funds and bring awareness to local issues and worthy causes. They support the nearly 400,000 veterans currently residing in Massachusetts.



Upcoming dinner to benefit 'Soldier On'

The Agawam United Methodist Church, located at 459 Mill St. in Feeding Hills, will sponsor its second initiative to help end veteran homelessness. A benefit dinner will be held Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m. The menu will include homemade meatloaf, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, salad and a variety of desserts. All proceeds will benefit the Soldier On organi-

zation, www.wesoldieron.org. Tickets, which are limited, may be reserved by calling Shawn at (413) 262-1726. Cost for adults and children over age 12 is \$10; seniors and children age 6 to 12, \$5; and free for children under 6. The public is invited to help make a difference for homeless veterans.

THANK YOU AGAWAM & FEEDING HILLS!

Agawam/Feeding Hills Properties Sold by Park Square Realty in 2013



45 Allison Lane, Feeding Hills



46 Country Road, Agawam



42 Reed Street, Agawam



75 Fox Farm Rd, Feeding Hills



84 Spencer Street, Agawam



34 Mallard Circle, Agawam



58 Elbert Road, Agawam



772 Mill Street, Feeding Hills



25 Haskell Street, Agawam



41 Logan Place, Feeding Hills



30 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills



15 Allison Lane, Feeding Hills



36 Taft Street, Feeding Hills



20 Princeton Ave, Feeding Hills



533 Mill Street, Feeding Hills



45 N. Westfield St, Feeding Hills



57 Hastings St, Feeding Hills



56 Emerson Road, Agawam



25 Seymour Ave., Agawam



10 Robin Lane, Feeding Hills



94 Senator Ave, Agawam



18 Anvil Street, Feeding Hills



24 Campbell Drive, Agawam



34 Corey Drive, Agawam



89 Norris Street, Agawam



30 Stanley Place, Agawam



58 Sunset Terrace, Agawam



37 Briarcliff Dr, Feeding Hills



224 Mill Street, Agawam



7 Marla Drive, Feeding Hills



25 Barbara Lane, Feeding Hills



8 Losito Lane, Agawam



79 Cosgrove Ave, Agawam



176 Barry St., Feeding Hills



21 Castle Hill, Agawam



6 Castle Hill Road, Agawam



1E Mansion Woods, Agawam



17B Castle Hill Rd, Agawam



28 Castle Hill Rd, Agawam



7 Beekman Place, Agawam

In 2014, call Park Square Realty to help you buy or sell. We get the job done for Agawam and Feeding Hills!



Feeding Hills/Agawam Office
345 N. Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
413.789.9830
parksquarerealty.com

Westfield Office
44 Elm Street
Westfield, MA 01085
413.568.9226

Please join us for our Community Shred Day
April 12th, 2014 from 9 am-12 pm
at our Feeding Hills Office
Please see parksquarerealty.com for details.

Opinion

Surfing the remote access gray area

When an area school committee recently asked selectmen to approve remote meeting access via online realms for one of its members - a proposal that ultimately was defeated - it did so with the honest pursuit of helping keep meeting quorum and full panel participation high. However, such a decision if it were approved, comes with a whole host of challenges and slippery slopes to navigate.

Selectmen were right in refusing the request for now, and perhaps should study the issue closer and develop policy. We agree with the general consensus that if you seek elected or appointed office you should attend the meetings live. If you can no longer attend meetings regularly, you should resign and pursue a volunteer role that better fits your busy lifestyle.

That said, we do live in the 21st century and video/phone conferencing technology is used at most corporations and many smaller businesses. So what is stopping municipal boards and committees from doing the same thing, especially with state law on their side? Adding to advocacy for the law, fewer and fewer residents are volunteering or receiving small stipends to serve on municipal boards and committees. No doubt one of the top reasons for this negative trend is job relocation/travel and loss of family time. So the argument for more remote access is tempting.

The state's open public meeting law amended for this technology in November 2011 dictates acceptable means of remote participation to include telephone, Internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing, or any other technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. These allowances seem exciting and cutting edge on the surface, but quickly become murkier in the depths of public service.

The state law is simply flawed in its specificity. What we disagree with is consistent or routine absences from board meetings by members who instead would utilize remote online participation rights. It is far too easy for this to become a bad habit and lazy way of participating. It would also be difficult to



discern if the remote board member is actually out of town on business or an emergency, or relaxing in pajamas on his or her own couch. This is gray area in the current state law, which only states that "geographic distance" be one of six factors in its allowance.

The state law or perhaps amended local policy should be a lot more specific than that in terms of how many remote access requests are allowed per year. And who pays for the Internet or phone line bills?

Our other point is if a school committee

or planning board member misses 25 live meetings but chimes in online for those sessions, would that somehow be OK with townspeople? No, it would not. The main reason for this is taxpayers and voters put people into office so they can access them live at meetings whenever they want to - not talk to a laptop screen or speakerphone. Mannerisms, body language and eye contact are all critical tools in the deliberation process of municipal boards. And so is a firm handshake. That is all lost with remote access that becomes the norm.

If interested in adopting the state law, selectmen, town council, mayors or chief executive officers are required to implement remote participation access across all boards and committees. They cannot make an exception just for one person or board. The challenge is many towns and small cities are still unprepared to make this jump in terms of technology and expense. The law is still remote in its language and needs refinement either at the state level or locally with board governance bylaws.

Letters to the Editor

Great time had by all at dinner dance

To the editor:

I want to thank the Agawam Advertiser News for the wonderful spread of pictures for the Valentine Dinner Dance held Friday, Feb. 21, at the Agawam Senior Center. This dinner dance was sponsored by the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center.

I want to thank chef Carol Bernazki for the great dinner she prepared. I also want to thank JoAnn Balakier, Mariann Kinney, Helen Fontaine, Pat Murphy, Barbara Machietto, Joan Linnehan (director) and Kristina Lynch (assistant director) for the wonderful decorations at the tables and dining area.

Also, thanks to the folks who did a great job serving the food to those in attendance, including JoAnn Balakier, Mariann Kinney, Barbara Machietto, Pat Murphy, Brendalee Brown, Tina Belcher, Joan Linnehan and Jessie Bernier.

Everyone had a great time dancing and listening to the music provided by Richie Mitnick.

J. Emile Coté
Chairman

Resident urges support for neglected animals

To the editor:

Three weeks ago, two stories aired from out of Ludlow regarding two separate incidences of animal cruelty and neglect. The story of Scrunchie, the little dog that was beaten by his owner, received an outpouring of support from the public. Happily, the little dog recovered and has been adopted by one of the officers that rescued him.

The other story, that of approximately 36 animals that were left out in the cold with no food, water or shelter, has not received as much publicity. It was mentioned that those animals were taken by the Boston Rescue League; however the majority of those animals were actually taken to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm in Methuen. As its name implies, Nevins Farm takes in farm animals that are abused or neglected, or those that people can no longer care for. The staff works to rehabilitate the animals so they may be adopted into loving homes. Since rescuing these animals, the staff has been providing love, care and much-needed food, wa-

ter and medical treatment. Some of the animals are experiencing neurological problems and diabetes due to their extended time without adequate food or water. Sadly, one of the ponies died last night.

I am writing today to ask for any help for these animals. The expense in caring for them is huge, and the MSPCA is a non-profit organization. They have taken in these animals and are working tirelessly to restore their health and give them a second chance at life. If you would like to help, the address is MSPCA at Nevins Farm, Attn: Ashton's Fund, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844-2052. Thank you!

Maggie McCarthy
Agawam



Letters to the Editor must include a name, address, and daytime telephone number for author verification purposes. We do not publish anonymous letters. All letters are subject to editing for content and space. The deadline is Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Please send letters to *Agawam Advertiser News*, Letters to the Editor, Attn: Teri Machia, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 or e-mail aan@turley.com.

AGAWAM

The Agawam Advertiser News (USPS 001-170) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.

PATRICK H. TURLEY
Publisher

KEITH TURLEY
Executive Vice President

DOUGLAS L. TURLEY
Vice President of Publications

EDITOR
Jennifer M. Wroblewski

ADVERTISING SALES
John Baskin

SPORTS EDITOR
Dave Forbes

SOCIAL MEDIA



@ Agawam Advertiser News



www.agawamnewsonline.com

Turley
Publications, Inc.

www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

3 EASY WAYS TO REACH US

PHONE
413.786.7747
Fax: 413.786.8457

EMAIL
Advertising Sales
John Baskin
jbaskin@turley.com

Office Manager
Teri Machia
aan@turley.com

Editor
Jennifer Wroblewski
jwroblewski@turley.com

Subscriptions
Charlann Griswold
cgriswold@turley.com

\$35 per year pre-paid
(\$40 out of state)
Newsstand \$1.00

WEB
www.agawamnewsonline.com

@ Agawam Advertiser News

The Agawam Advertiser News
is published by
Turley Publications, Inc. • www.turley.com

Families

Tickets available for St. Pat’s dinner

The Agawam St. Patrick’s Committee will hold its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner Wednesday, March 12, from 5-7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, located at 945 Main St.

Tickets, which are \$12 per person, are available by contacting Nicole Bertera at (413) 535-4022 or Kerri O’Connor at (413)

575-3582. The event will also include a 50/50 and Chinese raffle. Featured guests will be Kelly Theriault, the 2014 Colleen, and court members Laurne Malone, Jordyn Conway, Kelly DeForge, Hannah McCluskey and Mary Katherine Reidy.

The community is invited to celebrate this Irish tradition of good food and fellowship.

Winter blues? Take a day trip or two

Okay, I have officially joined the “I can’t wait for winter to end” bandwagon. We’ve all heard the jokes: “The kids will be having the Easter egg hunt in their snowsuits” or “we’ll be going to school until July.” I have reached the point of being un-amused. In order to save our sanity, we have to see a glimmer of spring. Somewhere, anywhere. A few maple sap taps would do it. Or how about the sight of a red-winged blackbird, snowdrop or other harbinger? If there is no such vision on your horizon, head inside where the sights and fragrances of spring will be sure to get you over the last winter hurdle.

First stop is the Boston Flower and Garden Show, running March 12 to 16 at the Seaport World Trade Center, Boston. The theme for this year’s show is “Romance in the Garden.” It will be reflected in the gardens, displays and presentations of the exhibitors. I just love some of the ideas the committee has come up with. Professional florists are invited to participate in the ‘Tour de Romance’ in which the bicycle is the container, the canvas and the inspiration for their floral arrangements. How fun! Another interesting display is called the “Garden of Cakes,” in which Boston’s best special event bakers will delight you with their artistry. One resource described it fittingly: “sweet tooth meets green thumb.” Finally, exhibitors are asked to create small, stand-alone gardens that are inspired from a specific book, movie or song in the small garden vignette category entitled “Amore Al Fresco.”

There will also be numerous lectures and demonstrations happening over the five-day show, inspired by the theme of romance. Several sounded appealing. From “Opposites Attract: Using Contrast to Create Dynamic Gardens and Containers” to “Falling Back in Love with Your Tomatoes” and “Cooking with Honey,” there is something of interest for every gardener in attendance. If you have a knack for floral design, consider taking a mini-workshop with the Cass School of Floral Design. No interest in schooling? Tour the exhibitor’s marketplace for great, garden related

tools, gadgets and gifts. For more information on the Boston Flower and Garden Show log on to www.bostonflowershow.com.

The Smith College Bulb Show – “In the Pink.” is running now through March 16 at the Lyman Plant House on campus in Northampton. For over a hundred years, the greenhouse has been opening its doors to folks that are ready to leave winter behind. Knowing what it takes to “force” bulbs into bloom, and in unison no less makes me appreciate the extravagance of it all the more. The show is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with extended Friday hours on March 7 and 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. A \$2 donation is suggested.

I wrote about Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory in South Deerfield just a year ago, but it has really become a favorite family day trip. It’s always fun to check out the cool frogs and bugs upon entering the facility. The real fun though, begins when you pass through the set of double doors and head into the conservatory. On our last visit we had arrived early, and admittedly, the butterflies were on the quiet side. A few were fluttering around, and others were pausing on their favorite flowers for a sip of nectar. After the sun began to drench the surround-

ings it became more like a scene out of the movie “Birds” with so many flapping wings up and above your head - it was truly amazing. Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens is located in South Deerfield and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Memorial Day Weekend. For more information consult their website at www.magicwings.com.

Soon enough, this winter will be but a memory; one I’d like to forget.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 24 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



ROBERTA MCQUAID
TURLEY PUBLICATIONS
COLUMNIST

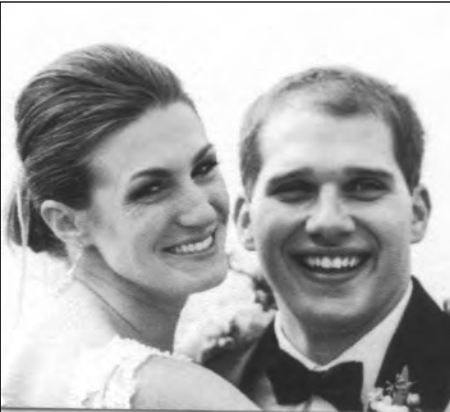
wedding announcement

Christina DiPietro, Scott Huang exchange vows

Christina Elizabeth DiPietro and Scott John Huang were married Oct. 5, 2013, at an afternoon ceremony held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Mary Parish, Worcester. Following a 5 p.m. reception at Worcester Airport, the couple boarded a flight to Aruba, their honeymoon destination. They presently reside in Boston.

Christina is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Worcester and Syracuse University in New York. She is the interior designer at Highland Real Estate Development in Weston. She is the granddaughter of Gloria DiPietro, of Agawam, and the late Attorney Andrew McCarthy and Elizabeth McCarthy, of Worcester.

Scott is the son of Sally and John Huang, of Rochester, N.Y. A graduate of Saint Michael’s College in Vermont, he is a trading specialist at Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trust in Boston.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Christina E. DiPietro and Scott J. Huang

Boy Scout fundraiser and recruitment

FEEDING HILLS – Boy Scout Troop 77 is having a fundraiser March 7-9 at The Ice Cream Shoppe, 493 Springfield Street, in Feeding Hills. The Shoppe will be open 2-8 p.m. each day and a percentage of the ice cream sales for the weekend will be donated to the troop. Please come and enjoy a delicious ice cream and support a worthy local group of boys.

Boy Scout Troop 77 and Cub Scout Pack 77 will also be holding recruitment during the fundraiser on Saturday, March 8, from 2-5 p.m. Pack 77 and Troop 77 are chartered with St. John the Evangelist Church located on Main Street in Agawam.

The Cub Scout Pack is available to boys

who are in the first grade up to boys in the fifth grade. Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA’s objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

Both the Pack and the Troop are a part of the Western Massachusetts Council, which serves over 7,000 young people and over 2,000 adult volunteers in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties of Western Massachusetts.

Tickets available for Junior Women’s fashion show

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club will host its annual Runway for Education Fashion Show Sunday, April 6, at Chez Josef in Agawam. This year’s models will be wearing fashions from Chico’s at the Holyoke Mall and Westfield’s Dress Barn. Hair-styles will be the designs of the stylists from Salon 322 in Feeding Hills.

The doors will open at 10 a.m. for the vendor showcase and raffle sales. Brunch will be served at noon followed by the fashion

show. Reserved seating will be accepted with payment by March 24. Tickets are \$34 each. To reserve tickets, call Christina Beauchemin at (413) 427-8784. Tables of 10 are available.

All proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the education programs and scholarships sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women’s Club, a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

BAD SMELL? BAD LOOK? BAD TASTE?



Make it all good with Culligan.


Don’t let problem water make a bad impression on your home. Culligan has countless water treatment solutions that can help you effortlessly fight every problem water symptom. So if you’re tired of foul rotten egg smell, chlorine taste, hazy water, and stained sinks, showers and tubs, a Culligan® water filter will make your home cleaner and your life easier.

Culligan® better water, pure and simple.®

CULLIGAN OF NEW ENGLAND
FREE WATER TEST
800-842-1116 • GETCULLIGAN.COM



MC



Glenmeadow
Learning
WINTER/SPRING 2014


Welcome to Glenmeadow Learning, a series of lifelong learning opportunities.

**Authentic Leadership:
The Principles Behind Becoming
Whole and Taking Charge**

Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m.–noon
Agawam Public Library
750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA

Learn how to be a better leader of your own life from Steven Mundahl and Sharon Massoth. This husband-and-wife duo authored *The Alchemy of Authentic Leadership*, and they will share their passionate views and practical tips on what it takes to become an authentic leader.

Snow date: Tuesday, March 18. Programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited. For information or to enroll, call 413.567.7800 or e-mail learning@glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow.org/learning.



Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, March 10: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Painting Club, Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 3 p.m., First Senior Theater Meeting; 4 p.m., Tap Class; 5 p.m., Zumba.

Tuesday, March 11: 9 a.m., S.H.I.N.E. (by appt.), Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., PACE, Computer Tech. Club; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The Butler"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, March 12: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba, St. Pat's Comm. Corned Beef Dinner.

Thursday, March 13: 8 a.m.-Noon, Tax Prep. (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, March 14: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 9:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba.

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

Before we go into some songs from Irving Berlin's Show, "This Is the Army," the Agawam Senior Center chorus will spend a little time with some other very popular songs by this great composer of memorable music. These include, "It's A Lovely Day Today," "You



Keep Coming Back Like a Song," and "Something to Dance About."

In past years, the chorus has done songs by Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Harry Warren. Irving Berlin wrote so many, it is taking us an extra year to even begin to cover them all, and we are far from doing that.

Cohen: Union contracts negotiated in good faith

UNION, from page 1

supporting the contract funding because he believed the contracts were fair and negotiated properly.

The contracts were approved for the following unions: Agawam Police Supervisors Association, Agawam Clerical Employee's Association, Agawam Department of Public Works Employee's Association, Agawam Police Patrolman's Association, Agawam Building Maintenance Association, Agawam Administrative Unions, and the AFL-CIO Local 1973 Firefighters' Association.

More than 40 town employees representing the various unions were present at the meeting and applauded the councilors who spoke in their favor. They also applauded the approval vote for their contracts.

Cohen said he was pleased the council approved the contracts.

"I'm pleased the collective bargaining agreements were finally passed by the council as they were negotiated in good faith and fairly," said Cohen. "It was the correct thing to do. Town employees work hard, as does our school personnel, and are as deserving."

Agawam Family and Community Program reflects on past successes

SUCCESES, from page 1

access to high-quality education/care programs, create opportunities where parents can spend quality time engaging with their children, build early and family literacy skills, and host events that allow parents the time to build social connections.

Last year, the program successfully hosted kindergarten socials, a Parent Café, storywalks, story times and parent education events, as well as implemented a home lending library, distributed hundreds of free books and provided children the opportunity to create their own family memory book.

Future events include additional Parent Cafes and parent educational events, a series of Parent-Child Date Nights and the 3rd annual Early Childhood Informational Fair. The first of the Parent-Child Date Nights will be held on Thursday, March 20, at the Agawam Public Library. The date night is a one-to-one opportunity for an individual

parent to have focused time with their child. Limited spots are still open for registration for the date night. Interested people can call Connery at (413) 821-0597.

The informational fair is coming up on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Agawam High School cafeteria. Connery said the fair has the potential to be the biggest the program has had.

"It's going to be a great event, and we already have 40 vendors scheduled," said Connery.

There will be demonstrations from the Agawam Fire Department, the Agawam Public Library and Music Speaks.

Funding for the Agawam Family & Community Program is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care through the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant. Agawam has had the grant for the past 15 years.

Six Flags offers scholarship opportunity

SIX FLAGS, from page 1

will be based on academic excellence, participation in extracurricular activities and community involvement.

Jennifer McGrath, communications manager for the park, said Six Flags New England is the first of the company's 18 amusement parks to offer an external scholarship that doesn't require students to be employed at Six Flags.

"Our other properties do work with surrounding schools, but being a Six Flags Team member is a requirement," she explained.

McGrath said when she and the other members of park's leadership team developed the Agawam scholarship last fall they modeled it after the internal scholarship program.

Eligibility and criteria

Only students who are AHS seniors enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited college or university beginning this September who are pursuing careers in marketing, entertainment, hospitality or engineering are eligible for the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be selected using a criteria that includes academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities (National Honor Society, scouting, sports, music and fine arts, student government, etc.), and participation in philanthropy and/or volunteerism activities. Applications, which are available at the high school, must be submitted by May 15 to McGrath at Six Flags New England, 1623 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

"I have no idea how many students will apply," said McGrath. "I think it will be hard to pick the final two." She said the \$4,000 total scholarship funds for 2014 could change after this year. "We decided to try the first year with two students at \$2,000 each. That was comfortable for us, but we would love to grow the scholarship in the future."

The scholarship is one of several community outreach initiatives the park is planning during 2014 to assist the town.

"We want to grow closer with the community in Agawam and continue to build a better relationship between Six Flags and the town. We also believe the scholarship will help support the education of future leaders within our community," McGrath said.

Job shadowing bonus

McGrath said students selected for the

scholarships will get more than just a check to help them pay for tuition at the colleges of their choice. Both recipients will also get to spend one day in the park in June or July job shadowing a Six Flags "team member" performing work in the field that they are pursuing.

The job shadowing will give the recipients "hands-on experience" for a day and show them the theme park world and what it can offer in terms of a career, said McGrath. She said it would involve a full day at the park, exposing scholarship recipients to Six Flag New England's team leaders, rubbing elbows and networking with professionals in their career fields, and getting a close-up look at the variety of activities that occur daily at the park.

"We want them to experience as much as they can. We will show them what an actual day is like. They may even get spoiled and go on some of the rides, so they should be prepared to learn and have fun," she added.

Industry of fun and entertainment

Recipients will not be required to work at a Six Flags park or even within the theme park industry. However, McGrath said a goal of the scholarship program and the job-shadowing day is to educate recipients about what she calls "incredible career opportunities" within the theme park industry.

"Perhaps we can spark an interest within these young and talented students to join the industry of fun and entertainment," said McGrath. "We'd also love to get some feedback from them about their job-shadowing experience."

A 2004 graduate of AHS, McGrath (formerly Schaedler) became communications manager at the park a year ago after working in a variety of different park positions and serving as an intern while in college. She had planned a broadcast media career, but theme parks got into her blood.

"I've always loved theme parks and the entertainment industry since I was very young. I could never see myself doing anything else. It's an incredible work environment that is high energy, fast-paced and lots of fun," added McGrath.

AHS Principal Steve Lemanski said the scholarship is a "great opportunity" for students. McGrath hopes it will "inspire" seniors at her alma mater to also consider a career in "the industry of fun."

Bay State Family Podiatry
The credentials you trust, the personal attention you deserve

ROBERT D. TATOIAN, DPM
Diplomate: American Board of Podiatric Surgery
Affiliated with Baystate Medical Center
413-733-8277
860-253-9190
850 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA
74 Palomba Drive
Enfield, CT

With Your Convenience in Mind...

Urgent Care Appointments Available

- Flexible Appointments Including Lunchtime & Early Evenings
- Most Insurances Accepted & Filed

Advanced Care For:

- Sports Injuries • Heel & Arch Pain • Bunions • Hammertoes
- Bone Spurs • Fractures & Injuries • Ingrown Toenails
- Corns & Calluses • Toenail Fungus • Warts
- Arthritic & Diabetic Foot Ailments

The Latest Techniques for Faster Recoveries

- Non-Surgical Solutions Always Explored First
- Custom Orthotic Devices

www.baystatefamilypodiatry.com

SUNSHINE DENTAL CARE
General Dentistry for Kids & Families

Winnie Cheung D.M.D.
Southwick's Family Dentist

515 College Highway (Rte. 202), Southwick, MA
For appointment, please call
(413) 569-1118 • www.sunshinedentalcare.com

Our Mission "To promote dental health for the community and to make children realize that dental visits are not fearful, but enjoyable instead."

BUDGET Cabinet Sales
Established in 1981
KITCHENS BATHS

Quality Products at Affordable Prices
300 Main St., Agawam, MA **789-2074**
OPEN: Tues., Wed., Sat. 9am-5pm
Thurs., Fri. 9am-8pm; CLOSED SUN. & MON.
budgetcabinetsales.com

KraftMaid
IT BECOMES YOU

In the Classroom

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL
The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, March 10: Baked chicken sticks with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 11: Nachos, steamed white rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, corn muffin.

Wednesday, March 12: Whole-wheat buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, breadstick, Italian mixed vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, March 13: Cheeseburger on a roll with lettuce and tomatoes, baked potato wedges, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, March 14: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cake.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL
Monday, March 10: Baked chicken sticks with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 11: Nachos, steamed white rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, corn muffin.

Wednesday, March 12: Whole-wheat buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, breadstick, Italian mixed vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, March 13: Chicken patty on a roll with condiments, Smart Food popcorn, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, March 14: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cake.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 10: Baked chicken sticks with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 11: Nachos, steamed white rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, corn muffin.

Wednesday, March 12: Whole-wheat buttered noodles with meat sauce on the side, breadstick, Italian mixed vegetables, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, March 13: Chicken patty on a roll with condiments, Smart Food popcorn, three-bean salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, March 14: French bread pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cake.

Parent Information Night for upcoming kindergarteners

The Agawam Public Schools will host a Parent Information Night Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St. Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September are invited to attend.

The program is offered to answer ques-

tions parents might have about their child entering school in September. Children who will be 5 years old prior to Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten.

For more information, contact Christine Costello at the Early Childhood Center at 821-0597.

Storowton Village Museum to host Maple Harvest Day

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Storowton Village Museum's eighth annual Maple Harvest Day event takes place Sunday, March 16, and will showcase the history and lore of maple sugaring in the Gilbert Farmstead's front yard.

Inside the historic home, docents will demonstrate 19th-century open hearth cooking at the cozy kitchen fireplace as well as quilting and spinning wool. A selection of gifts, maple-themed items and cookbooks will be sold nearby. The free event takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The West Springfield Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon for

\$5 per person. All proceeds will be donated to Storowton Village Museum's educational programs.

Storowton Tavern will host a Sunday brunch in the Carriage House from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with special pricing for Maple Harvest Day: \$18 for adults; \$10 for children. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling (413) 732-4188. One dollar of each ticket will be donated to the Village's programs.

For more information on this and other Storowton Village events, visit TheBigE.com or call (413) 205-5051.

'Mighty Mechanics' gear up for state competition

Agawam's FIRST FTC Robotics, "MIGHTY Mechanics," demonstrated their robot at the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield and Heritage Hall in Agawam in preparation for state competition scheduled for March 8.

This outreach engagement did more than entertain. It provided awareness and involvement at two local community establishments, one for children and families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House, and a visit at Heritage Hall Nursing Home where elderly people circled the room where the robot paraded.

Offering entertainment was the foot in the door for the MIGHTY Mechanics students as they spoke about their robot-building journey and took turns sharing the process to the point where the team has a robot ready to compete. The team hopes to move on from the Mass. State Championships to the Super Regional located in York, Penn., and to the World Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

During the Ronald McDonald House visit, the team set up the robot, displayed the recently-earned "Think Award," described their "design and build" journey, and let some of the resident children use the remote control to drive the robot in the main living room.

At the visit to Heritage Hall, the Mechanics assembled the robot, prepared it for demonstration, exhibited the award, and spoke to the large group of about 25 seniors circled around for the show.

The March 8 competition will be held at Bridgewater State University.

In addition to robot-building and driving fun, the purpose of the club is to help students get a hands-on experience with real-life challenges that employees and employers face in the science, technology and manufacturing fields. However, many other business-oriented experiences prevail, including marketing, administration, sales activities and more, all helping students gain career knowledge.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics is a program for students in grade 7-12. In this program, each year students are faced with a certain goal for the games staged by FIRST robotics worldwide organization. The MIGHTY Mechanics were challenged with a "Block Party!" game. The goal was to build a robot that could deposit blocks in buckets on a pendulum, turn a wheel to raise a flag, and include a mechanism to raise the robot off the ground onto a pull up bar.

Campus Notes...

Westfield State University: Ashley Balboni, Shawn Blanchard, Brett Barker, Albert Breault, Christopher Brooks, Ashley Carmel, Kelsey Caroleo, Jennifer Casinghino, Peter Chlastawa, Jessica Corriveau, Brittany Cross, Thaddeus Dobek, Timothy Dobek, Gregory Donaldson, Nicholas Ferreira, Samantha Hurley, Sara Jensen, Daniel Johnson, Whitney Johnson, Kyle Johnston, Nida Khan, Jessica Kierkla, Kelly LeGrand, Michael Lovely, Benjamin Parzich, Vincent Perreault, Luda Polevoy, Dianne Robare, Sergiy Sukhyna, Bao Tran, Olivia Tufts, Kristopher Wilson and John Yourous, of Agawam; and Spenser Afonso, Angela Almquist, Keven Brown, Sean Casey, Tyler Choquette, Paige

Circosta, Michael Cotto, Carolyn Donahue, Alyssa Doyle, Carole Duquette, Jessica Friedrich, Sarah Gallagher, Jonathan Gardner, Lucas Giusto, Michael Gonthier, Jennifer Goodyear, Jacob Goudreau, Michael Kosior, Jacob Lehan, Thomas Lemay, Jamie Litchfield, Alexis Lussier, Rebecca Mastronardi, Kate May, Katelyn Messier, Luke Miranda, Nicholas Noto, Patrick O'Brien, Nicole Ouimette, Ryan Rackliffe, Khalid Shehemi, Alexa Smith, Nicholas Taliceo, Maddison Uzar and Andrew Zhupikov, of Feeding Hills; and Ashley Monahan, of Springfield, an Agawam High School graduate, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

Hand-made Mattress

Choose Size
Choose Fabric
Choose Firmness
FROM \$199
AND SAVE EXTRA 10%
WITH THIS COUPON

Sigma Mattress Factory
69 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, MA
www.sigmamattress.com 413-789-1080

Reliable Vitamin Brands
At A Great Price!

Plus! Beauty & Personal Care,
Snacks & Gluten-Free Foods

CHOICE HEALTH
HealthFoodStore

307 East Main St., Westfield
(Next to PriceRite Grocery)
568-8333 | www.choice-health.com

Riverbend

PET CREMATORY

Manchester, CT 06042 www.riverbendpetcrematory.com

- Individual Pet Cremations
- Private Cremations

All Services
Provided with the
Dignity Your Pet
Deserves

Call Al at (860) 643-2955

Richy's Tree Service

"Call The Best - Without the Mess"

Tree Trimming • Tree Removal
Stump Grinding
Shrub Removal • Brush Chipping

FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED
786-1786 • 786-0808

"30 Years Of Good Service" • Many Excellent References

Captain Charles Leonard House



AGAWAM'S COMMUNITY HOUSE
FAMILY & BUSINESS
FUNCTIONS WELCOME
Hall available - Reasonable rates

786-9421

CAPTAINLEONARDHOUSE.COM
663 MAIN STREET

The Strain Family EQUESTRIAN CENTER LLC

18 Vining Hill Road, Southwick, MA

• Boarding • Lessons • Training • Sales

English & Western Riding Lessons Available

Ponies for Parties **(413) 569-5797** Located behind Big Y Plaza
www.strainfamilyequestrian.com

In the Classroom

Agawam High School Term 2 Honor Roll

GRADE 9

Serena Abraham
Lillian Afflitto
Mariam Aydah
Michael Basile
Erin Berthiaume
Shannon Billick
Molly Breton
Nina Bruno
Alina Bubuz
Makayla Campelo
Sydney Carra
Troy Carroll
Ethan Casey
Ethan Chan
Alexandra Cichetti
Anna Colfer
Jordyn Comtois
MaryEllen Conway
Bianca Culhane
Joseph Cuzzone
Colin Czerpak
Matthew Dagenais
Mary D’Angelo
Xhy-Y Dao
Elisabeth Davydov
Sophia De Cesare
Frank Dejkus
Francesco DeMaio
Richard Dialessi
Mollie Dion
Tina Dong
Samantha Downs
Madison Dube
Allyson Dubiel
Courtney Fallon
Zachary Fiedler
Patrick Fisk
Jessica Fontaine
Lizclariane Franqui
Jenna Gamelli
Juste Gavelyte
Meghan Gendron
Alann Giberson-Acevedo
Katelyn Grasso
Alyssa Gravel
Amber Gray
Collette Groux

Ryan Haines
Miranda Harpin
Abigail Heinemann
Aimee Heinze
Thomas Hendrickson
Stephanie Herring
Ian Higgins
Caroline Hitchcock
Garrett Hollander
Katie Hryniewicz
Malvina Hrytskevich
Nathaniel Humphries
Kaitlyn-ann Inton
Daniel Ireland
Lyubislav Ivanov
Sierra Jones
Ilya Kaletin
Brian Keefe
Kaila Keene
Jonathan Kelley
Ji-Sun Kim
Colin Knowlton
Lyuba Kodreanu
Lydia Koury
Preston Kozub
Sierra Kruser
Ashley Krzykowski
Glenn Lane Jr
Carly Laskowski
Erin Lavoie
Kevin Lecuyer
Matthew Lockwood
Jose Lopez
Hailey Lyne
Kevyn Martins
Jenna Matuza
Ashleigh Merriam
Jasmine Micks
Brooke Miller
Maria Moccio
Tytus Moen
Bradley Montanez
Veronica Moore
Christopher Morassi
Troy Near
Darlene Nguyen
Luis Nieves
Jared Nigro
Shaun Noonan
Michaela Normand
Paul Oberheim
Melanie Ortiz
Alessio Papallo
Foram Patel
Rachel Pellegrini
Nicolas Pietroniro
Anastasiya Pirogova
Anna Pirogova
Cody Plankey
Matthew Plasse
Maximilian Posnik
Madeleine Provost
Jocelyn Quinn
Giovanna Recchia
Emma-lee Rivet
Dereck Rogers
Matthew Rolland
Mary Root
Samantha Rubacha
Kayla Rufo
Snizhana Salagornik
Karleigh Schuhlen
William Schwarz IV
Brian Scoville
Tatyana Shostak
Timothy Shiech
Mohammed Soffan
Samantha Stratton
Kyle Szczepanek
Nicholas Tausendfreund
Gino Tedeschi
Kevin Thompson
Bianca Toto
Hai Tran

Viktor Vasilchenko
Jessica Vaughn
Jeremy Venne
Alice Verbetsky
Katalina Wallace
Kathryne Watkins
Michael Werbiskis IV
Kyle Widmer
Allie Wysocki
Roman Yusenko
Anastasiya Zabedyuk

GRADE 10

Victoria Abramchuk
Martie Faye Agravante
Paige Alves
Alexander Amato
Alec Ardolino
Emma Armfield
Cassandra Ayre
Allyson Balboni
John Baranov
Cameron Barrington
Tyler Barrington
Jenna Beach
Maggie Belanger
Jenna Bonasoni
Kyle Bosse
Sabrina Budington
Laura Cafaro
Kayla Casamento
Renata Chebanova
Marino Cipriani
Geoffrey Circosta
Matthew Clarke
Matthew Conway
Kellie Cormier
Nicole Covill
Meghan D’Amours
Kayla DeBarros
Maggie DeForge
Angelina Deroose
Christophori Dowd
Morgan Durocher
Nicholas Fenney
Ryan Feyre
Alfredo Franqui
Jordan Frazee
Madison Gabel
Danielle Gagnon
Troy Gallerani
Abigail Garner
Brendan Garvey
Daniel Garvey
Devin Gates
Daphne Gauthier
Katellynn Gordner
Grace Greene
Amanda Guerette
Alexander Gut
Veronica Hardy
Bryce Hatch
Alexis Horniak
Thomas Howard V
Tyler Howe
Lilia Iovenco
Rachel Jurkowski
Pavel Kaletin
Hannah Kresock
Alexis Kupiec
Amberly La Branche
Elizabeth LaCroix
Justin Laflamme
Conner Lajoie
Isabel Lamkins
Brian LaMotte
Rachel Lapponese
Gabrielle Lescarbeau
Steven Ludtke
Connor Mahoney
Todd Maniscalchi
Savannah Marcotte
Gabrielle Martin
Jaime Martinez
Margaret Mendoza
Cassidy Milliken
Karly Milne
Christie Mirski
Joseph Moccio
Roman Moka
Bryanna Montalvo
Nathan Morrie
Lillian Mosiychuk
Julia Nadolny
Tara Negrucchi
Vita Nesen
Sydney O’Keefe

Drew Pahl
John Passerini
Riley Pearson
Gianna Perella
Alexander Peterson
Duncan Phillips
Helen Phu
Alison Renaud
Lydia Riccio
Joselyn Rivera
Paul Rivera
Kelly Roberts
David Rodriguez
Tristin Romano
Jennifer Rossi
Veronica Rovatti
Keith Ruby
Zachary Sawyer
Jillian Scherpa
Melissa Schuler
Anthony Sciartelli
Nicholas Scuderi
Austin Seng
Julia Serra
Steven Stagnaro
Keandria Sussman
Victoria Sutherland
Samantha Swistak
Victoria Thomas
Nicholas Weyant
Allison Wheeler
Emily Whitman
Laura Wynne
Vladimir Zabedyuk
Nick Zaporozhchenko

GRADE 11

Nicolas Abodeeb
Orhan Ahmeti
Jamie Allivato
Nicholas Antico
Gabriel Archambault
Alyssa Askins
Victoria Baranov
Elijah Bard
Anthony Basile
Christopher Basile
Olivia Beauvais
William Bessette
Tahiir Blair
Dominic Calcasola
Shayne Castonguay
Lexi Cears
Richard Cears
Erika Chancellor
Nicole Christian
Zachary Circosta
Mark Connaughton
Michael Costello
Seamus Curran
Cameron Czerpak
Jonathan Day
Patrick Deane
Amanda Delore
Elizabeth Depalo
Garett Diduk
Daniel Dobek
Skylar Downs
Dalton Drummond
Sabrinna Dubiel
Jacob Duffus
Megan Dustin
Liya Dzyubenko
Alyssa Eggleston
Sumeyye Elevli
Carly Evelyn
Marisa Ewing
Rachel Fancy
Emily Feid
Christopher Gage
David Gage
Michael Goyette
Tara Graham
Sarah Graves
Teresa Graziano
Samantha Gregory
Ruslan Grigorchuk
Monique Groux
Alyssa Guerette
Nicholas Hanchett
Lauren Hartmann
Alexandria Haupt
Tyler Heer
Samantha Henry
Jacob Hoban
Paul Hotaling
Heather Howe

Alec Iannuzzi
Emily Jabry
Emily Jefferson
Taylor Kareta
James Karl-Morin
Brodie Keene
Dominic Kosior
Haley Kozlak
Carly LaBelle
Casandra Land
Christopher LaZazzera
Jeffrey Leclerc
Kristina Lemire
Tyler Loubier
Braden Lucia
Jordan Lunden
Viktoriya Maklakova
Khouloud Mandour
Raffaele Manzi
Taylor Marcotte
Matthew Mariani
Kaitlyn Martin
Stephen Mateus
Kyla McGurn
Joseph Mercadante
Marissa Miller
Irina Mita
Makenna Moen
Rylie Molloy
Sean Monahan
Melissa Montagna
Ann Mozzer
Emily Murphy
Jesse Near
Jaclyn Neilsen
Gianna Nettis
Erblina Nuhui
Vincent Panuccio
Aliaksandra Papova
Anna Pellegrino
Cory Pfau
Michael Pfau
Jonathan Phillips
Megan Phu
Michael Potter
Jared Ravizza
Jordan Reed
Michael Reed
James Ridenour
Lisa Risley
Veronica Rubeck
Giovanni Russo
Evelina Salagornik
Benjamin Schiff
Allison Schwarz
Vincenzo Scuderi
Alissa Serra
Gianna Signorelli
Joseph Silva
Amanda Smith
Nicole Spafford
Jennifer Stempel
Andrew Strong
Jae Suk
Keegan Sullivan
Paul Taft
Kameron Tang
Brian Thomas
Joseph Thresher
Christina Verbetsky
Ellen Vyce
Lindsey Wassung
Ashley Webster
Macklen Wier
Eric Wolowicz
Philip Woods
Christopher Wyckoff
Zachary Wysocki

GRADE 12

Alexander Ablianitis
Nedime Ahmeti
Liam Anderson
Adam Ardolino
Anna Baranov
Philip Bazukin
Rachel Beusee-Kauffman
Lauren Blanchard
Merisa Boyd
Madina Bubuz
Hayley Burbank
Emily Burleson
Rachel Burton
Zunaira Butt
Meaghan Casey
Sydney Cassell
Benjamin Cassidy

Samantha Ceccarini
Megan Cecchi
Ian Chamberland
Kianna Chechile
Stephen Comee
Timothy Consedine
Elyse Cote
Alicia DiCioccio
Jennifer Diduk
Amanda Ehresman
Lyz Estrada
Angela Ferrentino
Erica Gallerani
Brooke Gamelli
Zachary Goggin
Mae Gomez
Samantha Goss
Gerald Green
David-Michael Grimaldi
Allison Grubbs
David Grushetskiy
Emily Hartmann
Taylor Hartmann
Briahna-Mary Hersom
Aleah Hodge
Joshua Hodges
Mason Hollander
Anthony Ingham
Christopher Jamgochian
Cody Janicki
Brittany Kamyk
Hannah King
Alisa Kotliarova
Erika Lamagdeleine
Miranda Lanza
Justin Lecuyer
Brennen Liebel
Ashley Lockwood
Gina Lopez
Abigail Lucia
Anthony Luciani
Brian Marcoullier
Marisa McMullin
Mikayla Miranda
Gabrielle Mirolli
Taylor Misiorski
Molly Mittler
Kate Moriarty
Kristina Mozolevskaya
Christine Nagel
Alana Natale
Casey Noonan
Shayla Olson
Kathrine Paltz
Jenna Passerini
Emil Patel
Aidan Pender
Kassandra Pepper
Sheldon Perry
Kelsey Planzo
Sarah Plumador
Christopher Reagan
Mary Reidy
Emily Renaud
Patrick Rieker
Nathan Riley
Wade Robidoux
Ryan Rogalski
Melissa Rolland
Maryrose Rovatti
Elise Roy
Christopher Rumplik
Anthony Saccomani
Samantha Saracino
Brielle Savoie
Victoria Schwartz
Joseph Shea
Kreag Sheehan
Iman Shehemi
Nolan Sheridan
Vitaliy Shostak
Linnea Skoglund
Phillip Slater
Mariah Smith
Amber Stepanik
Danielle Stratton
Jae-Youn Suk
Elain Tang
Sashell Thomas
Amber-Lynn Traver
Nicholas Twohig
Erica Van Ness
Alexis Vecchiarelli
Mitchell Vye
Victoria Walker
James Watkins II
Luke Wetmore

Hearing Test Set for Senior Citizens

Announcement-
Free electronic hearing tests will be given from Monday-Friday 9am – 5pm at Avada Hearing Care Centers at 9 locations in Western Mass. Call to find the location nearest to you. The test has been arranged for anyone who suspects they are not hearing clearly. People who usually say they can hear but have trouble with understanding words are encouraged to come in for the tests. The testing includes newly-developed tests that determine your ability to hear speech in noisy environments. Everyone, especially those over 55 who have trouble hearing words clearly, should have a test annually. Demonstrations of the latest devices to improve clarity of speech will be available, on the spot, after the tests. You can HEAR for yourself if the latest methods of correction will help you understand words better.
Call for your Appointment

1-888-798-8528

Our advertisers
make this
publication
possible.

Let them know you
saw their ad in the

Agawam
Advertiser

‘Give Back Monday’ to benefit senior center

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center invite the public to E.B’s Restaurant, 385 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, Monday, March 31, to take part in “Give Back Monday.”

Ten percent of the day’s total food sales will be given to the Friends organization to help raise money to repair or replace old equipment at the Senior Center. This will include dine-in, take-out, and delivery, from open to close at E.B’s. Alcohol sales are not included.

Scholarships available for journalism students

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Press Club will award up to six scholarships of \$1,000 each in June to high school seniors in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut planning careers in journalism.

Primary emphasis is placed on career goals, writing ability, scholastic aptitude and overall achievement as measured by an applicant’s high school transcript, class rank, academic awards, SAT scores and extracurricular activities.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 1, according to Noreen Tassinari, Scholarship Committee chair.

Funds for one of this year’s scholarships was donated by Al Jaffe, who was the Press Club’s first scholarship winner in 1964. Jaffe, currently a vice president at ESPN, was a senior at Pittsfield High School when he was awarded the club’s initial \$500 scholarship. He attended Emerson College and currently serves on the Emerson College Board of Trustees.

The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican newspaper and administered by the club, is for students within the newspaper’s circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.

The 22News Scholarship, funded by WWLP-22News and administered by the club, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.

The club finances two scholarships, including the Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the former chief photographer for the Springfield Newspapers, for students planning careers in photojournalism.

This marks the 50th anniversary of the scholarship and the Club is seeking past recipients who are invited to email ntassinari@TheBigE.com. Applications are available at high school guidance offices and online at www.valleypressclub.com.

The Valley Press Club was founded in 1962 in Springfield by a group of local reporters. Two years later, club membership was opened to all communications professionals in the region and a scholarship dance was held. Each year, the Club holds educational workshops and luncheons. Since 1964, the Press Club has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to local high school students planning to pursue careers in journalism. Further information about the club is available at www.valleypressclub.com.

Public Safety Police Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 261 calls for service from Feb. 25 to March 3. The department made four arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Evelyn Winn, 62, of 22 Michael St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60.

Saturday, March 1
Lynn M. Pandolfi, 43, of 8 Stillbrook Lane, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Sunday, March 2
Erin A. Hanson, 35, of 420 Main St., Apt. 71, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Monday, March 3
Donald Mason, 60, of 89 Riverview Ave., Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, improper storage of a firearm, and resisting arrest.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 60 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Feb. 25 to March 3.

On Feb. 25 at 8:49 a.m., the department responded to Moylan Lane for public service.

On Feb. 25 at 2:34 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Feb. 25 at 7:04 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street at Tennis Road for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Feb. 25 at 10:12 p.m., the department responded to Bowles Road for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke or odor removal.

On Feb. 26 at 9:36 p.m., the department responded to Karen Lynn Circle for chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue.

On Feb. 27 at 8:20 a.m., the department responded to West Springfield station for cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On Feb. 27 at 4:36 p.m., the department responded to Elbert Road for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Feb. 27 at 6:18 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 27 at 9:20 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On Feb. 28 at 9:55 a.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for vehicle accident, general cleanup.

On Feb. 28 at 2:04 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Feb. 28 at 4:41 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for public service assistance, other.

On Feb. 28 at 5:17 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On March 1 at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

FOR ALL YOUR MASONRY NEEDS

Locally owned and operated

Chimneys • Rebuilds • Repairs • Liners
Concrete • Stairs • Walkways • Patios
Basement Waterproofing • Hatchways
Foundations • Basement Windows
Retaining Walls • Stonework

Residential & Commercial
OVER 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE



HARDY'S
PROFESSIONAL
MASONRY

Check out
our NEW
Website

hardysprofessionalmasonry.com

For an expert opinion and FREE estimate call
413.786.0020
Agawam, MA
LICENSED & INSURED • SENIOR DISCOUNTS

Mortgagee’s Sale of Real Estate at
Public Auction, to be Sold on the Premises
10:00 a.m. on MARCH 13, 2014
145 ANVIL ST., FEEDING HILLS, MA



2003 ± Colonial style house with 10 rooms including
4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths. ± 4,187 s.f. living area.
• Mountain view • hardwood floors • cherry cabinets
• granite countertops • stainless appliances • curved staircase
• sunken living room • 2 fireplaces • arched doorways
• walk-in shower • central vac. • 3-car attached garage • porches
• patio • FWA/central air • IG sprinklers • All public utilities

Mtg. Ref: Hampden Co. Registry Deeds Book 15678, Page 582

Terms: \$5,000.00 deposit to be paid at the time of sale, by cash or certified bank check.
The balance paid within thirty (30) days. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

JASON L. LEVINE, ESQUIRE
Murphy McCoubrey, Attorney for Mortgagee
272 Exchange St., Chicopee, MA 01013
Ph: 413 592-6106

DAVID W. YOUNG, AUCTIONEER
MA. License No. 477

What’s the next big thing in **checking?**

win an
iPad
Mini!



SECURE
CHECKING!

from Hampden Bank

- Credit bureau monitoring*
- Internet monitoring
- Credit report and score
- Expense reimbursement insurance up to \$10,000**
- Lost document replacement
- Credentials vault

A **checking account** that helps **protect**
you and your family **against identity theft!**

HAMPDEN BANK

Brighter days begin right here.™

Member FDIC Member DIF Equal Housing Lender

413.736.1812 hampdenbank.com

Open a new SECURE CHECKING account and enter to
win a weekly drawing for an iPad Mini!***

* Fully Managed Identity Fraud Recovery available to all named accountholders, spouses/domestic partners, children under 25 living at the same address, and parents living at the same address or in an elder care facility. All other services provided to the named account holder on an individual account or to one accountholder on a joint/shared account.

** Identity theft insurance underwritten by subsidiaries or affiliates of Chartist Inc. The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

*** One winner will be drawn weekly 3/1/14 to 5/30/14. To enter, open a Secure Checking account, refer someone to open a Secure Checking account, or send your name, address and phone number on a 3"x 5" card to Hampden Bank, Attn: Marketing, P.O. Box 2048, Springfield, MA 01101 between the dates of 3/1/14 and 5/30/14. No purchase or account required. Void where prohibited by law. Must be 18 years or older. Open to residents of the U.S. only. Contest is not open to Hampden Bank employees, board members or their immediate families or of any participating retailers and/or sponsors of the contest. One entry per person. Winner need not be present at the time of drawing to win. No substitution will be allowed and prizes may not be redeemed for cash or other consideration. Taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner. Winners may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility upon receipt of prize. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. All decisions of Hampden Bank are final and binding. See us for official rules.

Each depositor is insured by the FDIC to at least \$250,000. All deposits above the FDIC insurance amount are insured by the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF).

Robinson Park students 'jump' for heart health

HEART, from page 1

could throw a cream pie in his face. Heney then tripped down on his challenge. The die-hard New York sports fan said he would wear New England sports apparel for five days if students collected more than the \$3,500 raised last year.

Heney's students didn't simply reach their goal. They smashed it. When the money was tallied, students had collected more than \$7,400 – almost double the \$4,200 goal. So, on the last Friday in February, Heney picked up a jump rope, donned a baseball cap and goggles, and braced for the onslaught of Silly String and cream pies.

"I never would have imagined that a small school like this could raise this amount of money," said Heney, who began teaching at the school in 2010 after graduating from Springfield College. "It's a true indicator of the support we continue to receive from our families and the community."

"Joe is an awesome teacher who goes above and beyond for this event," said Kristin Styles, the AHA's youth market director for central and western Massachusetts. "Robinson Park is definitely one of our higher fundraising schools."

Last year, Agawam schools raised more than \$16,000 for the AHA. Styles said when all donations are counted for this year, it could be close to \$27,000.

Robinson Park is among 450 Massachusetts elementary and middle schools that participated in the 35th annual Jump Rope for Heart. The heart association provided Heney with resources, including posters, lesson ideas and fact sheets to help students learn about heart health.

This year's event used a duck theme, with students who donated at least five dollars receiving small duck key chains attached to a lanyard.

"They loved the duck theme," said Heney. "The kids really got into it. The more they donated, the more prizes they were eligible to receive."

Photos add personal touch

Jumping individually or as teams, students ask friends and family for donations.

Heney said students were encouraged to dedicate their jumping to a family member who may have had cardiovascular issues. Some students brought in pictures of those in their family who currently have or have had heart problems.

"This adds a great personal touch to our event," Heney added.

In addition to collecting money from friends and relatives locally, students also reached out using online donations.

The feedback was "tremendous," said Heney. "Family members from as far as Italy donated toward our cause."

Students who collected the most money were Donovan Salva (grade 2), \$260.35; Vincent Rodier (grade 2) and Grace Moriarty (grade 1), both collected \$200; Caroline Toto (kindergarten), \$185; Jeremiah Griffen (grade 2), \$167; and Maddie Balzano, (kindergarten), \$157.

Maddie jumped for her uncle, Joe Whalen, who is currently awaiting a heart transplant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"This is very special for me. My uncle has a sick heart. I'm happy for me and for my uncle."

School filled with pride

Principal Cynthia Palazzi said many students were reminded of loved ones hit by heart disease.

"Our school is just filled with pride that we've been able to rally around this very worthwhile cause," she said.

She added that staff at the school also contributed by holding a dress-down day and donating proceeds from a week-long, staff-run bake sale.

Heney said he jumped on the heart association event when he started at the school because cardiovascular disease – the leading cause of death in the country – is also the most preventable disease.

"The event helps educate kids that moving, eating well and staying tobacco-free can not only save their lives, it can also be fun. It's our driving message," he said.

He said being squirted with plastic string and having pies thrown in his face was nothing he couldn't handle. But it will be tough wearing New England sports apparel.

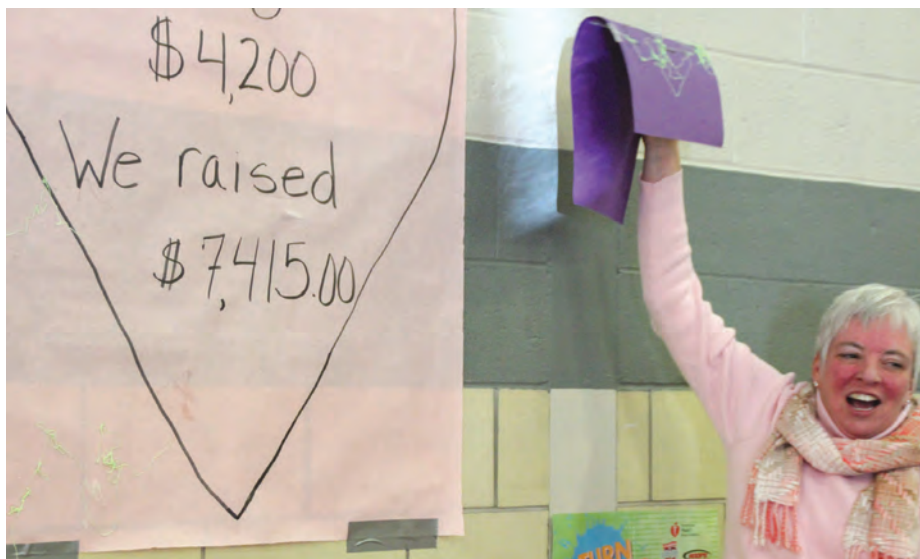


Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

From the left, Robinson Park Elementary School third-graders Tara Trudeau, Chloe Michalak and Kelcie Vellozo squirt Silly String at physical education teacher Joe Heney after the school exceeded its fundraising goal for the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart" event.



Heney smiles beneath a cascade of string.



Robinson Park Principal Cynthia Palazzi unveils how much money students collected for the American Heart Association during the "Jump Rope for Heart" event. The amount is nearly double the school's goal of \$4,200.

JOIN THE CREW: it's more than just a team!



Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club is recruiting young men and women in grades 9-12 for the Spring 2014 Rowing Team.

No experience necessary.



Program Information!

Practice is held March 17 - June 5th
Monday - Friday, 3:45 - 5:45pm
Some weekend races.

The team is open to high school aged students throughout the Pioneer Valley.




Not sure if it's for you? Try it out for the first week FREE! Scholarships Available





What is PVRC?

Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit which operates a recreational facility in the North End of Springfield with the mission to promote river-based sporting activities, to develop river access, and encourage recreation in the Greater Springfield metropolitan area.

For registration and information visit www.PVRiverfront.org or contact Coach Erin at Erin@PVRiverfront.org 413-736-1322



presents...


the SWINGS shillelaghs

Come Enjoy a Taste of Ireland and PARTY TO GREAT IRISH PUB MUSIC!

\$28.00 PER PERSON PLUS TAX
DINNER STARTS AT 5:30pm
SHILLELAGHS SWING AT 7:00pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014


CALL (413) 786-2593



281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA 01001

events@crestviewcc.org · www.crestviewcc.com

Reservations Required. No Refunds Available on Crestview Special Event Series. Pricing Based on Cash or Check.



Checkmates...

Feeding Hills residents Joe Linares and Harold Moyer meet every Wednesday evening at the Agawam Public Library for patient, calculated games of chess.



Turley Publications photos by Kimberly Hatch



MOO-LICIOUS FARM

NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON!

Great Burgers

Indoor Seating

258 Feeding Hills Rd.

Southwick

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 11 AM - 8 PM

(Across from Calabrese Farms)

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

www.mooliciousfarm.com

A	U	R	A	R		A	C	C	O	R	D			
C	I	N	E	M	A	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	E	R
A	R		C	I	G	A	R	E	T	T	E		M	E
D	M		A	D		P	A	N		E	N		A	S
S	A	M	P		W	A	N	T	S		S	A	N	E
	N	A		P	B	S		S	A	C		D	D	T
		S	H	A	N				D	A	I	S	E	S
	H	O	A	R						R	O	O	D	
S	E	N	S	E	S				G	A	U	R		
T	R	I		S	I	P		N	E	T		B	A	
R	A	C	E		R	E	B	E	L		A	S	I	N
A	L		R	O		P	O	I		B	D		R	A
N	D		A	B	U	S	I	V	E	L	Y		I	G
D	I	S	S	I	M	I	L	A	R	I	T	I	E	S
	C	R	E	E	P	S			G	N	A	R	R	

FREE!

The ABC's of Homebuying

Why should I BUY instead of RENT?

What should I know about a mortgage?

Should I use a Realtor?

Do I need an inspection?

What is my 1st Step?

Learn The REAL Process of Buying Your Home

Learn How to Buy a HOME... and Pay LESS in TAXES!

Get Pre-Qualified

A Representative from Hampden Bank will be present to help you start the Pre-Qualification Process!

Use Your Tax Return on your Down Payment

These questions answered... Plus ALL of yours!

Sat., March 22 - From 11 to 1pm

DiSANTI Realty Group LLC.

1073 Riverdale Street

West Springfield, MA (Across from Costco)

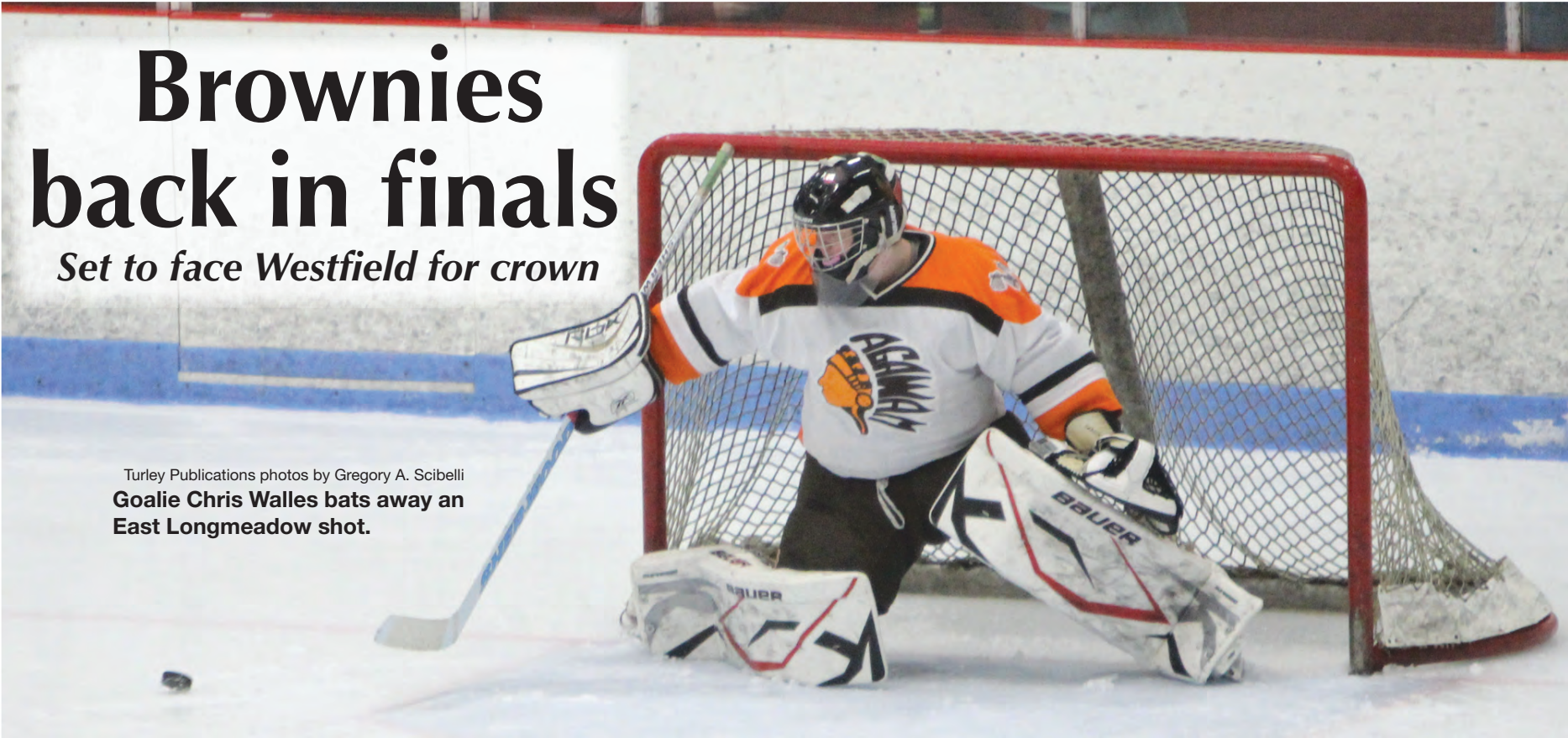
For More Information (413) 391-7358

Refreshments Served!

\$\$ Saving Coupons for Closing Attorneys & Inspectors



SPORTS



Brownies back in finals

Set to face Westfield for crown

Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Goalie Chris Walles bats away an East Longmeadow shot.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam ice hockey team is heading back to the Western Massachusetts championship game, only this time, the Brownies will be seeking the Division 3 championship.

Agawam won the 3A championship last year, finally beating South Hadley. Their recent success and outstanding depth propelled them into the Berry Division and Division 3 to play against some of Western Mass.’ best competition.

Last Saturday afternoon, the No. 1 seeded Brownies punched their tickets to another final when they defeated No. 4 East Longmeadow 3-1 at Olympia Ice Center.

It was the third time the Brownies have seen the Spartans. Agawam battled East Longmeadow to two ties, 4-4 and 6-6. This time around, Agawam scored enough and played airtight defense. The

difference, coach Rich Feeley said, was nothing major.

“It was a matter of doing the things we consider important better than we had previously against East Longmeadow,” said Feeley. “We have been focusing on using our forecheck to our advantage with the goal of spending as much time as possible in the other team’s defensive zone. We have been able to run 10 forwards or more in a given game and that helps to be aggressive in the offensive zone.”

East Longmeadow was aggressive during the first period and a half, though Agawam made the most of its earliest chances.

Seamus Curran, who was shifted to the forward line for the game. He scored seven minutes into the game, taking a ricochet off the net and past goalie Matt Gasparini.

Up 1-0, the Spartans continued to fight hard until Agawam grabbed their second goal of the game with 12:00 remaining in the second period.

Please see HOCKEY, page 13



Brian Scoville crosses over the blue line looking to score for Agawam.

Terrier defense stymies Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It was a simple matter of who made the big shots when they needed it.

The Agawam boys basketball team dropped the quarterfinal game of the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament last Friday night in the final game played in the old West Springfield High School gymnasium, 65-57.

The Brownies had a lead early in the game thanks to some quality shooting and a balanced scoring attack from five or six different players.

But West Springfield shut down the Brownies late in the second quarter and were able to take the lead just before half-time. From there, the Terriers held Agawam to six third quarter points, sending Agawam into a funk.

“They did an excellent job holding us down during the third quarter,” said coach Dave Federico. “We just could not make our shots and they did.”

Agawam got their scoring started when T.J. Lockwood scored on a three-pointer to take an early lead. Later, Wade Robidoux nailed two of three free throws followed by a pair of

See BROWNIES, page 14

Injury may knock out Basile

Wrestler hopes to compete at New Englands

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Thanksgiving 2012, Anthony Basile was playing and having a great performance in Agawam’s traditional football game against the West Springfield Terriers.

Basile, who played both defense and kicker, had already made a few kicks when he suffered a debilitating injury to his knee that ruined his entire wrestling and baseball seasons in 2013.

Basile was very competitive wrestler and had an excellent freshman year. But he sat out while Agawam sent nine wrestlers to the state tournament.

The junior made an excellent comeback last fall, helping bring

Agawam to a championship game in Division 4 football, and now this weekend, Basile will head to the New England Wrestling Championships in Providence, R.I., provided he is physically able to compete.

Basile joins senior Brennen Libel at the tournament.

The 145-pounder won his first Western Massachusetts Division 1 championship. He defeated Xavier Lopez by pinfall in the third round at Central High school on Feb. 15. With his first championship, Basile moved on to the state tournament two weeks ago.

Basile had a strong showing and placed third at the state meet, defeating Davey Goo of Chelmsfold in the consolation round.

Last weekend, at the All-States, Basile started off facing the third-

place finisher from Division III, J.T. Taylor from Norton in his opening match. It was there Basile suffered a separated shoulder.

Basile said he landed on the shoulder, and it got progressively worse through the entire tournament. But he gutted through, and was able to squeak into the New England Tournament with a sixth-place finish.

He said as of press time that he is hoping to compete this weekend, but admitted the injury could prevent that.

“I am icing my shoulder and trying to take care of myself this week,” said Basile. “I am hoping to get to go.”

Basile said competing in the All-State meet was an excellent experience and he was happy to

Please see BASILE, page 14



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Tyler Desrosiers tries to go up for a shot.

HOCKEY, from page 12
riod. The goal was credited to Bobby Koziol, who had the last of two or three touches by Agawam sticks. However, the goal came off an East Longmeadow stick to give the Brownies a two-goal lead.
The Spartans fought back for a few minutes, and had a power play to give them a chance to get back in the game, but the momentum shift after Agawam killed the penalty and Agawam started to get more aggressive on offense, owning possession for the majority of the final 6:00 of the period.
The Brownies had one scary moment when an East Longmeadow shot went off goalie

Chris Walles and behind him. The puck sat just in front of the goal line behind Walles but never crossed the goal line. Agawam's defense cleared the puck away before East Longmeadow could follow the rebound.
Joe Shea scored in the third period to put the finishing touches on for Agawam.
The Brownies will face Westfield Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center. Agawam, the winners of the Berry Division, beat Westfield 1-0 and 3-1 this season.
Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Mike Pfau makes a hard check on an East Longmeadow forward.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Fishing swap meet set for March 9
AGAWAM - A fishing swam meet will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.
Buy, sell and trade new and used fishing and hunting gear (no guns).
The cost is a \$2 donation at the door. Kids 12 and under are free. No cost to park.
There will be raffle prizes.
Polish Club food confessions will be open with breakfast/lunch food and drinks.
Table space and boat spaces still available. If you would like to sell your items or boat, please call Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846.
For more information, go to getyourlinewet.com.

Mawaga Sporting Club 25th Lukner Trout Derby
AGAWAM - The Mawaga Sporting Club will host its 25th Lukner Trout Derby on Sunday, April 27, 377 Adams St.
This event is a great way to get outside for young and old alike. The club does a great job hosting this event and provides a well stocked pond, bait, breakfast, lunch, cash, door and raffle prizes.

Fishing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with awards and raffles after 1 p.m. No license needed.
Ticket donation of \$15 per angler. Non angler guests are free.
Largest trout prize is \$500. Second place is \$100. There will also be a random size award of \$100. Caught tagged fish prize is also \$100.
For more info contact Dave Dussault or call the info line at 413-262-7401 and 413-265-0851.
Baseball players wanted
A local baseball team is looking for 9, 10, and 11-year-olds looking to play in some of the best baseball in Western Massachusetts.
The team plays on weekends only.
Can dual roster with local teams.
Guaranteed national tournament.
If interested, please call 1-413-887-8798.

Scherpa leads charge down mountain
Finishes eighth at States

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls skiing team had an individual finish out at the near the top of the giant slalom on Feb. 25.
Jillian Scherpa, a sophomore for the Brownies, placed eighth in the state Alpine Skiing Championship at Wachusett Mountain. Scherpa's coach, who is in her first year, Ashley Kulik said the sophomore had an excellent performance in the race.
Kulik says Scherpa will only get better moving forward and has a couple more very good years in front of her.
In addition to her great performance on the giant slalom, she placed 13th on the regular slalom. Katie Martin placed 55th for the Brownies in the event.
Scherpa qualified by placing first in the individual standings for the regular season. Martin placed fifth and Jordyn Conway also qualified for the state championship.
Agawam girls won two North Division PVIAC races this season, winning the second and sixth of the eight-race regular season the teams participate in.
Based on her ranking as the PVIAC girls champion, Scherpa was also selected to represent Team Massachusetts at the Eastern High School Championships which will be

held at Attitash Mountain. Martin finished her season in a tie for fourth overall in the League finishing five of her races in the league top 10. This season, Scherpa won four races and never finished outside of the top 10 in an individual race.
Senior captain Conway completed her high school skiing career with her strongest season ever finishing 15th in the league including her personal best of ninth in week 7 for the North division.
The boys skiing team did not have any individuals place in the top, Senior Captain Mike Gonet finished his season in 11th place for the League, including four top 10 finishes while Senior Captain Mike Rossi finished his high school skiing career with his best season; Rossi finished the season with a ranking of 15th in the League. Gonet had one first place finish in the Week 7 race as he finished first in 25.66 seconds. It was one of Agawam's best races of the season as they also captured sixth, eighth, and ninth place with Joe Cecchi, Bailey Cecchi, and Ben Cassidy rounding out the top 10, respectively. Gonet also had a great appearance in the eight race, where he finished just outside the top 10 in the giant slalom with a time of 24.43.
Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

COLLEGE NOTES

Rackliffe named Rookie of the Year
FRAMINGHAM – Framingham State freshman forward and Feeding Hills resident Alycia Rackliffe has earned second team All-MASCAC honors and been named the 2014 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year in voting conducted by the league's coaches and announced by the conference office recently.
Rackliffe, who was also named the MASCAC Volleyball Rookie of the Year in the fall after an outstanding freshman volleyball campaign, earned MASCAC Rookie of the Week honors five times during her rookie season in which she was limited to seeing action in just 14 regular season games, all during the second semester. Rackliffe averaged just shy of a double-double on the year averaging 13.6 points and 9.1 boards and also recorded 2.6 blocks per game.
She was also recently named Co-Rookie of the Week.
She averaged a double-double of 12.3 points and 12.3 rebounds while adding 3.3 blocks in a 2-1 week for the Rams. Net-

ted double-double of 12 points and 14 rebounds in the 62-53 MASCAC Tournament Semifinal win over Westfield State and nine points and 16 boards with four blocks in the 73-66 championship loss to Bridgewater State. Started week with 16 points and seven boards in the 75-53 quarterfinal victory over Worcester State.
Kelley helps out in win over Eastern Connecticut
SPRINGFIELD - Springfield College women's lacrosse player and Agawam resident Colleen Keeley picked up four assists in an 18-1 win over Eastern Connecticut on Tuesday, Feb. 25.
Ritter delivers for Wentworth
BOSTON - Wentworth men's volleyball freshman and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter had 31 assists in a 3-0 win over La-sell to go along with 45 assists, two aces, and nine digs in a 3-1 loss to Baruch, and 23 more assists and nine digs in a 3-0 loss to Springfield.

A STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT PEOPLE “LIKE” COMMUNITY PAPERS FOR THE NEWS THEY NEED AND THE ADVERTISING THEY RELY ON

It was determined that 43.8% of readers keep their paper for more than 10 days, while 69% thought local newspapers provided valuable shopping and advertising information.

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

*National Newspaper Association Reader Survey

...WE are Social!

Celebrating 25 Years in business

3 Year/36,000 Mile Warranty
*on most repairs

3 GENERATIONS OF FAMILY SERVING YOU

Andrew Paier, Frank, Vincent and Nicole Palange

443 Springfield Street
Agawam, MA
413-789-2181
www.vfauto.com

Value & Friendly Service is in our name

Ask us about our **KEEP EDUCATION ROLLING PROGRAM**

BROWNIES, from page 12

from Lockwood to make it 7-4.

Cameron Cabana would tip in an offensive rebound to make it 9-4. After a West Side basket, Agawam’s leading scorer Tyler Desrosiers nailed a 3-pointer to make it 12-6 Agawam.

Desrosiers would nail another 3-pointer when West Springfield pulled near even to give Agawam a five-point lead, but West Side closed the gap and trailed 21-17 at the end of the first quarter.

West Springfield continued to stay close as the second quarter progress. After another 3-pointer, Agawam had a 28-23 lead, but West Springfield’s Marcus Esquilin came back with a trey to make it 28-26 Agawam.

The Terriers would close the gap to 32-30 Agawam and Andy McNulty nailed a long 3-pointer to give West Springfield a 33-32 lead with 1:48 left.

Agawam would retake the lead briefly when Talon Brown scored a pair of free throws, but a pair of treys would make give West Springfield a five-point lead. Stephen Comee nailed a short jumper to keep Agawam within three at halftime.

The Terriers came out and had a huge third quarter, and held Agawam down in the fourth just enough to secure the victory.

Federico said the Terriers did a good job guarding Desrosiers during the second half. The senior, who has scored more than 1,600 points in his career, was held to just 18 points.

Brown scored 13 and Matt Catjakis scored 10 for the Brownies.

Federico says the Brownies will be graduating a talented senior class and the team will likely go through a rebuilding year next season with so many seniors heading to college.

Agawam’s season ends at 12-9.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.



Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Wade Robidoux makes a free throw for the Brownies.



Talon Brown rushes for the basket.

BASILE, from page 12

share it with his friends.

“The All-State tournament was such a great experience,” said Basile. “I was really happy I got to share it with two of my best friends Chris Ortega and Brennen Liebel. It was good to have my teammates there telling me to push through my injury.”

Basile says he will not be playing baseball this spring and will be focusing on club wrestling and gaining weight to prepare for football this season.

Coach Armondo Ramos said Basile had a banner year for the Brownies.

“Anthony had a breakthrough season,” said Ramos. “He was coming off knee injury that caused him to miss the entire 2013 season. He worked his tail off to get back on the mat and compete at an elite level. He was the vocal leader of the team and has the ability to motivate and inspire his teammates. It’s is like having another coach on the mat.”

‘Stars Over Springfield’ series continues March 7

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Science Museum’s large rooftop telescope will be open for public sky gazing Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the “Stars Over Springfield” observatory series. These programs are organized by the Museum and the Springfield Stars Club, and take place on the first Friday of each month from September through May. Each event features an introductory talk on topics such as space exploration, seasonal sights of the night sky, current astronomical research, or upcoming events like eclipses or comet appearances. March’s topic will be “Hubble: A Quarter Century of Discovery,” presented by Paul Cardone.

Stars Over Springfield programs are best suited for families with children ages 8 and older, however younger children are also welcome. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 17 and under. These programs are held rain or shine. If it is cloudy, a planetarium show will be presented in place of telescope viewing.

The Springfield Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards St. in downtown Springfield. Secure, free onsite parking is available. For information about astronomy programs at the museum, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 318.

Legal Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT February 19, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Paula Sullivan, who is appealing a decision of the Agawam Building Inspector as allowed in Section 2, Paragraph C of the town of Agawam’s “Adopted Charter” and MGL CH. 40A regarding parking at the premises identified as 1744 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson
Agawam Board of Appeals
3/6,3/13/14

Town of Agawam LEGAL AD

The Town of Agawam is accepting proposals for the maintenance of the Agawam portion of the Connecticut River Walk and Bikeway and Pynchon Point Park parking lot landscaping for calendar

year 2014. The path is 1.75 miles long and runs along the Connecticut River on the east side of River Road. Pynchon Point Park is located at the north end of River Road. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a contract with the Town of Agawam. For a copy of the Request for Proposals and contract, please contact the Agawam Planning Office at 786-0400, extension 8738. Proposals shall be submitted to the Agawam Planning Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, att: Deborah S. Dachos, by April 1, 2014.

PER ORDER OF:
Deborah S. Dachos,
Director
Office of Planning & Community Development
3/6,3/13/14

LEGAL AD AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this

meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of MassDOT for herbicide application on Route 57.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
3/6/14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT Probate & Family Court Dept. HAMPDEN Div. HD14E0009PP

To **Rose Maruca, Anthony Liquori, Beverly Rondinelli, and Susan Gensheimer**, all of Agawam; **Lena Peloquin** of West Springfield; **Cynthia Bryden** of Feeding Hills; **Genevieve Patrie** and **Anthony Basile**, both of East Longmeadow; **Bonnie Lee Gebbie** and **Peter Baruffaldi**, both of Chicopee, all in the County of Hampden; **Thomas Liquori** of Boca Raton, in the State of Florida; **John Krawiec** of New York, in the State of New York and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Ann Marie D’Arco** of said East Longmeadow, representing that she holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Feeding Hills, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at public sale and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at

private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of April 2014, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **ANNE M. GEOFFRION** Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of February 2014

Suzanne T. Seguin,
Register of Probate & Family Court
3/6,3/13,3/20/14

HOW TO SUBMIT LEGAL NOTICES

All legal notices to be published in the *Agawam Advertiser News* should be sent directly to klanier@turley.com. Karen Lanier processes all legal notices for this newspaper and can answer all of your questions regarding these notices. Please indicate the newspapers and publication date(s) for the notice(s) in the subject line of your email. For questions regarding coverage area, procedures or cost, please call Karen directly at 413-283-8393 x271.

Turley Publications, Inc. publishes 15 weekly newspapers throughout Western Massachusetts. Visit www.turley.com for more information.

KEEP UP WITH THE LOCAL FACES IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

Become a fan!
TURLEY SPORTS ON facebook

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

Agawam Advertiser News • Barre Gazette • Country Journal • Chicopee Register
The Journal Register • The Ludlow Register • Quabog Current • The Sentinel Shopping Guide • Southwick Suffield News
The Holyoke Sun • Wilbraham-Hampden Times • The Town Common • Town Reminder • Ware River News

Obituaries & Church News

St. John’s Travelers to host D.C. trip

The St. John’s Travelers will host a four-day Washington, D.C., trip March 28-31 which is open to the public. Cost is \$529 per person, double occupancy; \$519 per person, triple occupancy; and \$799, single occupancy.

The package includes round-trip deluxe motor coach, three nights at the Holiday Inn in Arlington, Va., buffet breakfast at the hotel, and two plated dinners. The trip will also include a guided tour of Washington, D.C., with time to visit all the memorials, an

evening tour of the monument, free time at the Smithsonian Institute, a tour of Arlington National Cemetery as well as the JFK gravesite and changing of the guard, guided tour of Annapolis on the return trip, all meals, hotel taxes, and driver gratuities.

The bus will depart St. John’s Church, 833 Main St., Agawam March 28 at 7 a.m. and will return home March 31 at approximately 9 p.m. To reserve a seat, call Emile Coté at (413) 335-9440.

CHURCH DIRECTOR

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Interim Pastor: Rev. Tom Howells
Agawam1@verizon.net
www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service. “A place to call home ~ A people to call family”

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
459 Mill St., Feeding Hills
413-786-4174
Pastor: Ken Blanchard
email agawamumc@gmail.com
agawamworship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Communion on the first and third Sunday of the month. Coffee and fellowship hour immediately after worship. Handicap accessible at front entrance.
Worship At Country Estates Nursing Home: 2nd and 5th Thursdays each month at 11 a.m.
AUMC cooks and serves dinner for the Samaritan Innhomeless shelter on the second Saturday of the month.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
580 Main St., Agawam
(413) 789-2930
www.bethany-ag.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Celebration of Praise: Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Service (Family Night): 7 p.m.
Sunday Evening Contemporary Service: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION
50 Maple St., Agawam
(413) 304-2313
churchofredemptionministries.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Service at 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH
370 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam
(413) 786-1681
www.jesussaves.7@comcast.com
Website: www.faithbible-church.org
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
“An Open and Affirming Congregation.”
21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills
P.O. Box 264
(413) 786-5061
fhcuccoffice@verizon.net
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Church School 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
Infant and child care provided.
Handicap accessible.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
760 Main St., Agawam
Agawambc@localnet.com
www.firstbaptistagawam.org

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children’s Message until 10:45
Youth Study time (grades 6+) following sermon until 10:45
Coffee & Conversation following worship every Sunday

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES
Men’s & Women’s Bible Study Groups and Children’s Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children’s Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH
522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Feeding Hills, MA
478-9484
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
(413) 786-8200
www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES
Lord’s Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

ST. DAVID’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.
786-6133
saintdavidsgawam.org.
www.stdavidsgawam.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH
823 Main St., Agawam
786-8105
info@stjohnnevangelistchurch.org.
www.stjohagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturdays: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)
Saturdays: 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.
Thursday - Communion Service

DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Cortese, Thomas W.
Died Feb. 25, 2014
Funeral March 1, 2014
Colonial Forastiere
Funeral Home
Agawam

Sands, David L.
Died Feb. 19, 2014
Services: No services
listed
El Camino Memorial

Renaud, Albert A.
Died Feb. 25, 2014
Funeral March 1, 2014
Agawam Funeral
Home

Zych, Stephanie M.
Died Feb. 20, 2014
Funeral Feb. 28, 2014
Agawam Funeral
Home

David L. Sands

David L. Sands passed away peacefully in his sleep Feb. 19, 2014. David was born Nov. 3, 1929, in West Springfield. He lived and worked in Agawam and Springfield until 1960 when he and his family moved to San Diego, Calif., where he resided and raised his family. David worked in the container packaging industry for nearly 50 years. He also worked evenings and weekends for Ace Park-



ing for 41 years, working numerous events at Qualcomm Stadium, The Sports Arena and Petco Park when local teams were in town. David’s beloved wife of 45 years, Mary, preceded him in death. He is survived by his brother Raoul L. Sands of Agawam; sons David and James of La Mesa, Calif.; grandchildren Robert, Michelle, Carrie, David, Mary and Annalisa; great-grandchildren Courtney, Trinity and Patricia; and great-great granddaughter Hailey.

Lenten discussion series open to the public

During the Lenten season, all are welcome to join in weekly faith formation discussions at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St. in Agawam. The series continues Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

The topic is, “The Devil and Fallen Angels.” For more information, email Sal Circosta at RE@stjohnagawam.org or all (413) 786-8105. This event is free and open to the public.

	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	
12						13	14						15
16				17								18	
19				20			21			22			23
24		25			26				27		28	29	
	30			31			32		33		34		
		35	36					37		38			
		39							40				
41					42			43					
44				45		46		47			48	49	
50			51		52		53				54		55
56			57	58		59				60		61	
62			63		64				65			66	
67		68									69		
	70							71					

CLUES ACROSS
1. Plural of eyrir
6. Concord
12. Photographer
16. Atomic #18
17. Tobacco cylinder
18. Of I
19. 1/10 meter (abbr.)
20. In the year of Our Lord
21. Belittle
22. 1/2 of an em
23. Equally
24. Cornmeal mush (British)
26. Desires
28. Of sound mind
30. 1st moon man’s initials
31. Public broadcasting
32. Bodily cavity
34. Insecticide
35. County in China
37. Platforms

CLUES DOWN
1. Aviator
2. Boutros’ group
3. Go over
4. Be among
5. Cloth scrap
6. Clerks
7. Vacuum tube
8. Actress Blanchett
9. Removes the lid
10. Atomic #45
11. Peremptorily
12. Dishonorable men
13. Spanish appetizers
14. Algerian gulf & port
15. Sets again
25. About
26. One point N of due W
27. Not happy
29. Accumulates on the surface
31. Peels an apple

CLUES ACROSS
39. Frost
40. Crucifix
41. Bodily faculties
43. Seladang
44. Denotes three
45. Imbibe slowly
47. What’s left
48. Liberal degree
50. Competition
52. Confederate
54. 7th Hindu month
56. Senator Franklin
57. “Crying” singer’s initials
59. Taro root dish
60. Bahrain dinar
61. Sun god
62. 39th state
63. In a harmful way
66. Immunoglobulin (abbr.)
67. Differences
70. Moves slowly
71. Snarl, growl (var. sp.)

CLUES DOWN
33. Diamond weight unit
36. Possesses
38. Note
39. About heraldry
41. Hair filament
42. Title of respect
43. Hair product
46. Colas
47. Capital of Huila, Colombia
49. More diaphanous
51. Eliminate
53. Change to a vapor
54. Ancient temple sanctums
55. Pesters
58. Off-Broadway award
60. Light Russian pancake
64. Baseball official
65. Work unit
68. Jr.’s father
69. Atomic #77

Buzzin' from Town to Town



Classifieds

Turley Publications' Community Marketplace ♦ www.turley.com ♦ Call us toll free at 1-800-824-6548

For Sale



A public service announcement presented by your community paper

ANTIQUE AND PERIOD chairs – Restored with new woven seats – Many styles and weaves available. Call (413)267-9680.

MATTRESS CLEARANCE SAVE 50-75% Queen Pillow Top sets \$150, Full sets from \$145, King sets from \$275, \$40 Down Take Home Today! www.mattressmandan.com - Supplies Are Limited! Call Dan (413)977-6144

STAMPS. COLLECTOR PAYS cash for your collection. Evaluate or buy. Stamp questions? RON. (413)896-3324.

T-SHIRTS CUSTOM PRINTED. \$5.50 heavyweight. "Gildan," min. order of 36 pcs. HATS, embroidered \$6.00. Free catalog. (800)242-2374. Berg Sportswear. 40.

Antiques

EASY STREET ANTIQUES. Buying one item or entire estates. Free house calls. Buying antique & vintage glassware, pottery, Hummels, jewelry, coins, watches, military, toys, Legos, hunting, fishing, stringed instruments, books, tools, & more. Call today. www.ezstreetantiques.com or (413)626-8603.

Firewood

!!!!ALL RED & WHITE OAK!!!! Fresh cut, over a cord guaranteed. Cut, split, prompt delivery. Call D & D Cordwood (413)348-4326.

FIREWOOD

Fresh cut & split \$150.00. Seasoned cut & split \$175.00 All hardwood.

*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor boilers (Cheap). Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!** New England Forest Products (413)477-0083.

FIREWOOD: HEAT TREATMENT Certified & Kiln Dried. Wholesale & Retail, loose or stacked. Will deliver. Insect Free, Dryness Guaranteed. 1-800-373-4500.

Miscellaneous

AVIATION MAINTENANCE TRAINING Financial Aid if qualified. Job Placement Assistance. Call National Aviation Academy Today! FAA Approved. Classes starting soon! 800-292-3228 or NAA.edu

Want it!
Find it!
Buy it!
Sell it!
Love it!
Drive it!



READ IT!!!

15 Weekly Newspapers
Serving
50 Local Communities

Miscellaneous

THANK YOU ST. Jude & God the Father for favors granted. JMD

Miscellaneous

PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCT, service or business to 1.7 million households throughout New England. Reach 4 million potential readers quickly and inexpensively with great results. Use the Buy New England Classified Ad Network by calling (413)283-8393, classifieds@turley.com. Do they work? You are reading one of our ads now!! Visit our website to see where your ads run communitypapersne.com

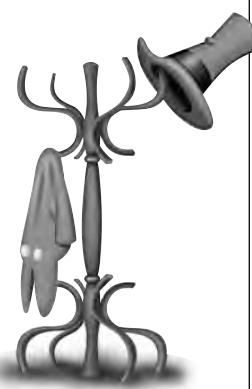
Wanted

OLD CARPENTER TOOLS wanted. Planes, chisels, saws, levels, etc. Call Ken 413-433-2195. Keep your vintage tools working and get MONEY.

Wanted To Buy

NEW ENGLAND ESTATE PICKERS "in the Old Monson Bowling Alley" We are buying all types of Antiques and Collectibles!! Simply **Bring your items** in for a Free Evaluation and/ or Cash Offer!! We will come to you. **Contents of attic, basements, entire estates!!** Clean sweep service. All **Gold and Silver** Items to include; jewelry, costume and estate pcs., wrist/pocket watches, class ring, etc., broken or not. **Silverware sets,** trays, trophies, etc., Coins of all sorts, Proof sets, Silver dollars and other coinage collections! All types of **Old Advertising Signs, Military items** to include Daggers, Swords, Bayonets, guns, medals, uniforms, helmets etc. **Old toys,** train sets, dolls, metal trucks, old games, model car kits from the '60s, **old bicycles, motorcycles,** pedal cars, Matchbox, action figures, Pre-1970's Baseball cards, comic books, etc.! Old picture frames, prints and **oil paintings,** old fishing equipment, lures, **tackle boxes!** Post Card albums, **old coke machines,** pinball, juke boxes, slot machines, **musical instruments,** guitars of all types, banjos, horns, accordions, etc. **Old cameras,** microscopes, telescopes, etc. **Just like on T.V. We buy all things seen on "Pickers" and the "Pawn Shop" shows!!** Call or **Bring your items** in to our 4,500 square foot store!! 64 Main Street., Monson ("The Old Bowling Alley") **We are your Estate Specialists!!** Over 30 yrs. in the Antique Business! Prompt Courteous Service! Open Daily 10:00- 5:00 Sun. 12:00- 5:00 (413)267-3729.

Your Ad
Could be
Here!!



APARTMENTS

Find your dream
place or list your
property here today!

Turley
Publications, Inc.

www.turley.com



TAX TIME
2014

Kitchen Table Taxes
Personal & Small Business Tax Returns
We Make House Calls

Phone/Fax
413-289-0058

Credit Cards Welcome
kitchentabletaxes@gmail.com

David E. Whitney
Notary Public
Sixty-Five Jim Ash Road
Palmer, MA 01069-9814
www.kitchentabletaxes.com

CHANTEL BLEAU
ACCOUNTING SERVICES

For Full Accounting & Tax Service
Registered Tax Return Preparer

228 West St., Ware, MA 01082

413-967-8364

Call For An
Appointment



The IRS does not endorse any particular individual tax return preparer.
For more information on tax preparers go to irs.gov.

Income Tax Preparation
~ 27 years tax experience ~



Bruce J. Charwick



62 Jim Ash St.
(413) 283-5596 Palmer, MA 01069

Melchiori Tax and Financial Services
IRS Problems?
Let a Professional Handle it for you.
Call us anytime!

Complete Tax Services:
Personal, Business, Corporations and Partnerships
Registered Notary Public
Telephone (413) 786-8727 • Fax (413) 786-1833
betsy@melchioritax.com • pauline@melchioritax.com
24 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030

WILLIAM D. POWLOKA, CPA, MBT
EXPERIENCED. TRUSTED. PROFESSIONAL.

Serving the public for over 25 years
Home Appointments Available

508.278.2911 **CPA** America Counts on CPAs®

It's not what you earn, it's what you keep!

SLMarhelewicz, CPA, PC

Certified Public Accountant

2029 Main Street, Three Rivers, MA 01080
(413) 283-3442

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

Proudly serving the local area and Western Massachusetts since 1989
WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS
Visit the office or call for an appointment



Certified Public Accountants

~ Tax Preparation ~

Individual & Business • Free initial consultation
www.bkdilloncpa.com

Brian Dillon, CPA
Easthampton, Massachusetts
P. (413) 303-9884 • F. (413) 303-0111
bdillon@bkdilloncpa.com

Cathy Bodley, CPA
Belchertown, Massachusetts
P. (413) 575-6117 • F. (413) 303-0111
cbodley@bkdilloncpa.com

Call your local Turley Publications sales representative for information and rates on advertising your tax service here!

413-283-8393 • 1-800-824-6548

Buzzin' from Town to Town

Classifieds



Turley Publications' Community Marketplace ♦ www.turley.com ♦ Call us toll free at 1-800-824-6548

Plumbing

GREG LAFOUNTAIN PLUMBING & Heating. Lic #19196 Repairs & Replacement of fixtures, water heater installations, steam/HW boiler replacement. Kitchen & Bath remodeling. 30 years experience. Fully insured. \$10. Gift Card With Work Performed. Call Greg (413)592-1505.

LINC'S PLUMBING LIC #J27222
Prevent Emergencies Now
For a Prevention Analysis
Call LINC For Your Connection
(413)668-5299

Roofing

ALL TYPES OF ROOFING, shingle, flat and slate. Snow removal from roofs. Call Local Builders (413)626-5296. Complete roofing systems and repairs. Fully licensed and insured. MA CS #102453. Lifetime warranty. Senior Discount. 24 hour service.

SKY-TECH ROOFING, INC. 25 years experience. Commercial, residential. Insured. Shingles, single-ply systems. Tar/ gravel, slate repairs. 24 hour Emergency Repairs. (413)536-3279, (413)348-9568, (413)204-4841.

Tree Work

ATEKS TREE IS a fully insured company offering free estimates and 24 hr emergency service. Specializing in tree climbing. No job too big or small. (413)687-3220.

Pets

BETH'S PET SITTING SERVICE. Experienced, reliable, mature woman available to care for your pet, including walking, feeding, medications, appointments. (413)259-7885

GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES for sale. Born Dec. 18, 2013. Will have 1st shot. They are lovable and need a good home to run. Call John Alix (413)896-6449.

RETIRED RACING GREYHOUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION
spayed/neutered, wormed, shots, heartworm tested, teeth cleaned

Make a Fast Friend!

Greyhound Options Inc.
Call Mary at 413-566-3129
or Claire at 413-967-9088
or go to
www.greyhoundoptions.org.

Horses

HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS offered year round at our state of the art facility. Beginner to advanced. Ages 4 years to adult. Boarding, sales and leasing also available. Convenient location at Orion Farm in South Hadley. (413)532-9753
www.orionfarm.net

Help Wanted

DRIVERS: LOCAL AGAWAM, MA. Dry Van Openings. Great Pay, Benefits! CDL-A, 1yr Exp. Req. Estenson Logistics Apply: www.goelc.com 1-866-336-9642

Help Wanted

DISPATCHER/DRIVER SUPERVISOR/CUSTOMER SERVICE for school transportation company. Requires talented person with strong communication, routing, organizational and supervisory skills. Will train. Barre location. Send resume in Word format to Ryann@vanpoolma.com

DRIVERS! TIRED OF being treated like a number? Want to drive for an **INDUSTRY LEADER**? Our drivers Avg \$65k/yr + bonuses! CDL-A, 1 yr exp req. **COME SEE HOW WE ROLL!** www.artransport.com or 888-202-0004

HORSEBACK RIDER WANTED Strain Family Horse Farm needs an experienced English & Western rider for a full time position. Must ride well. (860)653-3275

MAINTENANCE 20 TO 25 hours per week. Must have experience in all aspects of property maintenance and repair. Work will include, but not limited to: electrical, plumbing, painting, carpentry, snow removal, and grounds keeping. Professional references required. Clean driving record and criminal background check required. Insurance and full state benefits package. Please submit a resumé to: **WILBRAHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY**, 88 Stony Hill Rd. Wilbraham, MA 01095 Deadline for resúmes- 12 PM, March 14, 2014
Equal Opportunity Employer

SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC and reliable Support Councilor to provide life skills training, transportation and facilitate recreational opportunities for a young woman in the Palmer area. For more information please contact Laura Kinney-Creed @ (413) 562-4885, ext. 12

THE REWARDS ARE ENDLESS- become a foster parent! Call today to learn about working with children and adolescents with special emotional needs. Call Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care at 413-734-2493.

Health Care

COMPASSIONATE CNA'S WANTED All interested candidates please email your resume to mirialys.hernandez@homeinstead.com. Flexible schedule, part time positions.



Drivers



DRIVERS-FULL BENEFITS
Ashley Distribution Services seeks TRUCKLOAD DRIVERS. UP to \$58-\$62K/1st YEAR *No Touch Deliveries. Class A CDL & at least 1 year current OTR exp. Clean MVR/PSP Reports. We offer: Paid VACA, 401k, Med/Life/Drug/Dental & HOME WEEKLY! Call 1-800-837-2241 8AM to 4PM CST for info & app or email: jobs@ashleydistributionservices.com or www.ashleydistributionservices.com to apply under jobs.

Real Estate



JILL A. GRAVEL, BROKER

See thousands of homes for sale
24 hours a day
7 days a week at
www.gravelrealestate.com

Thinking of selling?
Call us today for a no cost, no obligation market value on your home!

READY FOR SPRING?
WE ARE!

Let us help you with professional advice to get your home Ready to Show!

Evenings call:
JAVIER STUART 413-627-2700
LORI FISHER 617-620-0027
APRIL ADAMS 413-495-2276
COURTNEY SHAW 413-289-4450
MERRIE BROWN 413-668-8190
KAYE BOOTHMAN 413-477-6624
VALARIE WILLIAMS 413-658-5471
JILL GRAVEL 413-364-7353

The Deadline to Submit Classified Line Ads is Friday at Noon

Real Estate



TOOMEY-LOVETT
109 West St.
Ware, MA 01082
www.Century21ToomeyLovett.com
413-967-6326
800-486-2121
West Brookfield:
508-867-7064

NEW – EAST LONGMEADOW: End of cul-de-sac ranch, three bedrooms, fenced level yard with patio area, garage, some updates done. Must see good value. \$208,500

NEW – WARE: Three bedroom ranch convenient to downtown, three season room, walk out basement, needs your personal touches. \$125,000

NEW BRAINTREE: Unique contemporary home set privately 8+ acres, 45x45 morton garage Large wraparound deck with wonderful views. Escape the city here. \$330,900

WARREN: Very nice colonial with many major updates done for you, intown location, large back yard, three bedroom, first floor laundry. Must see this good value. \$167,900

We need a few good houses.
Call us for an accurate FREE market analysis.
413-967-6326/800-486-2121

Dorinda O'Keefe-Shea	978-434-1990
Glenn Moulton	413-967-5463
Ruth Vadnais	413-348-8916
Jill Stogitis	413-477-8780
Shalene Friedhaber	413-593-6656
Mary Hicks	508-612-4794
Alan Varnum	508-867-2727
Christy Toppin	508-341-8934
Cheryl Kaczmariski	413-348-0518
Bruce Martin	508-523-0114
Joe Chenevert	508-331-9031
Kathy Hosley	508-596-0209

Mobile Homes

MONSON PALMER LINE 2 bedrooms, 14'x52', new 2011. Exclusive Country park, vaulted shingle roof, 2 miles from turnpike \$49,900 plus sales tax. (413)593-9961
DASAP.MHVILLAGE.COM

For Rent

AGAWAM HOUSE FOR RENT- near Ct., 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath updated, finished basement, 1 car garage \$1,650 413-567-6678 or 413-695-6678.

CHICOPEE/ FAIRVIEW ONE BR like new, 2nd fl- 2 family, Heat, HW, central air, TV included. \$780 1st, last (413)315-9848.

For Rent

AGAWAM TOWNHOUSE APT - Newly renovated 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining area, 1-1/2 baths, stove, refrigerator & dishwasher. Quiet dead-end street, great view, \$825.00 monthly, utilities not included, sorry no pets/ smokers. Available March 1st, first, last & security required. Call 413-364-4716 leave message.



ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

BELCHERTOWN 1ST FL., 4 rm, all utilities furnished, newly decorated, central/air, heat, vacuum. Ample parking. Available Immediately. Call (413)323-5730

CHICOPEE NEAR SZOT PARK, FRONT STREET. ONE BR, kitchen, livingroom, stove, refrigerator, heat/ HW, move-in condition, off-street parking. No Pets. First, last, references \$685 (413)598-0341.

FOR RENT



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development " HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

GARAGE FOR RENT oversized and secured. Chicopee. \$175/ mo Call (413)478-1896.

LUDLOW QUIET TOWNHOUSE duplex, 2 BR, gas heat, new deck, appliances, owner occupied \$975. No pets. First, last, security. (413)583-2225

For Rent

PALMER THREE RIVERS. Country Manor apartments, 1 bdrm \$630, 2 bdrm, \$730 month. All units renov. w/disposal, dishwashers, microwave, elec. range, carpets. Parking, fishing and playground. Cats okay. Call (413)283-9472.

PALMER. LG. STUDIO. Laundry on premises, off-street parking, w/w carpeting, quiet, convenient location. (413)454-1201.

WARE- 2 BR \$700 plus utilities, Hardwood floors, new kitchen, w/d hook-up, storage. No smoking/ pets. Credit check, references. Call for details (413)320-5784

WEST SPRINGFIELD, 3 room apartment in private home \$750, includes heat & utilities. No smokers, no pets, off-street parking avail., has own entrance. 1st, last, security (413)733-9051

Vacation Rentals

OLD ORCHARD BEACH 2 BR, 2 baths, sofa bed, sleeps 6, enclosed porch with dining. Walk to beach. Close to amusements. No smoking, no pets. Call (508)347-9804. \$1,500/wk

WARM WEATHER IS year round in Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. \$3500. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

Autos Wanted

\$\$\$ AUTOS WANTED TOP Dollar paid for your unwanted cars, trucks, vans, big and small, running or not. Call 413-534-5400.

CASH FOR CARS: Any make, model or year. We pay more! Running or not. Sell your car or truck today. Free towing! Instant offer: 1-800-871-0654.

Find Your New Home in Our Classifieds!



IMMEDIATE OPENING DAILY SUBSTITUTES Classroom Teachers

Start Date: Immediately

Ludlow Public School District seeks certified teachers, or third year college students in pursuit of teaching degree, to work in our district as on call day/day substitutes.

You may apply through SchoolSpring by going to our website at www.ludlowps.org and clicking Employment and Personnel. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Ludlow Public Schools
63 Chestnut Street, Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 583-8372 x 121

Employment contingent upon completion of CORI Check
Ludlow Public Schools is an equal opportunity employer

We're apples to oranges

Visit www.turley.com and click on "newspapers" to learn why.



Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote “free” events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

March 7

THE 10TH SEASON OF THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S popular Applause Series continues with “The Life, Times, and Music of Louie Armstrong” at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. Members of Dixieland Stomp David Neill, Jason Bouchard, David Bilodeau, Ben Falkoff, Ed Mari, and Gene Bartley. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.agawamcc.org.

Saturday, March 8

ALICE PLOUCHARD STELZER, author of “Female Adventurers,” will visit the Agawam Public Library at 2 p.m. The public is invited to take part in celebrating Women’s History Month with Stelzer as she reads from and discusses her book. To register, call the library at 789-1550 ext. 4 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open and ready for families to stop in and beat the winter blues. It is currently open Saturdays and Sundays from noon-4 p.m. with rides only \$2 each. Call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org for more information.

Sunday, March 9

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. The meeting will include a discussion on a featured topic, business matters and special events. A small auction will take place and refreshments will be available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 596-9871

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Kate Belhumeur, D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts, highlighting “How the Hudson River School Landscape Artists captured the American Soul during the 19th Century.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free on-site parking is available.

Tuesday, March 11

SHAKESPEARE & CO., OUT OF LENOX returns to Agawam High School once again, courtesy of the Agawam Cultural Council, to perform an edited version of “Romeo and Juliet” at 10 a.m., with doors open to the public at 9:30 a.m. For reservations, which are required, or more information, contact Andrea LaPlace, chairperson of the “Agawam Cultural Council in the Schools” program, at (413) 786-6753 or andrealaplace@comcast.net. It is free and open to the public

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library at 7 p.m. It is



Dr. Susan Plourde, DMD, sponsored a “Dental Health Day” for kindergarteners at the James Clark School recently. Donna Augustine, RDH, with Canine the puppet, demonstrated good oral hygiene and healthy nutrition, and the students watched a video on Dudley’s first dental appointment.

Turley Publications courtesy photo

a beginner’s class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“The Butler”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, March 12

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, March 13

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present “Stories of a Fiddler” featuring Sarah Michel (“Sarah The Fiddler”), at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Saturday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. To make an appoint-

ment to donate blood, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT to be held March 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature guest artists David McFerrin on baritone and Clifton J. Noble, Jr., on piano. Free refreshments provided. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield, or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive Thursday, March 20, from 1 to 6 p.m. at OMG, Inc., 153 Bowles Road, Agawam. To make an appointment to donate blood, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

Colon cancer topic of upcoming presentation

The public is invited to St. John’s Church, located on Main Street in Agawam, Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation by Dr. David R. Kalman, board certified local gastroenterologist and president of Springfield Medical Associates in Springfield.

Kalman will discuss colon cancer awareness and other diseases of the GI tract. Topics of discussion will include how easy it is to be screened for this life-saving procedure.

The event is free and refreshments will be served.

News, upcoming events at Italian Cultural Center

Lenten Fish Dinner

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. (ICC), located at 56 Margaret St., Springfield, will sponsor a Lenten fish dinner Friday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for ICC members, \$18 for non-members and are available by calling Nancy at (413) 827-9350. Deadline for purchasing tickets is March 21. The public is welcome.

Gnocchi-Making Class

The ICC will hold a gnocchi-making class Saturday, April 12, from 1-3 p.m. An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Just bring an apron and take home what you make. Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Stephanie at (860) 305-1175 or email CookingwICC@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by April 4 to guarantee a seat. Mail name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$20 for ICC members, \$15 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$25 per adult non-member, and \$20 for children of non-members 12 years and younger to Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Gnocchi-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

Scholarship banquet

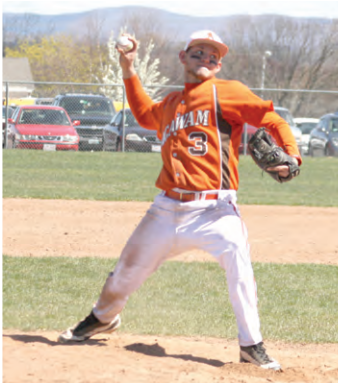
The ICC will host its Annual Scholarship Banquet May 13 at 6 p.m. at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. This event is open to members and non-members. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35 per person. Call Sandi Vella at (413) 736-8502 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is May 5.



Capture the Moment

Purchase these photos or any others you see in one of our Turley Publications by going to www.turley2.smugmug.com.

SmugMug



baystateparent

A Staple Ingredient for Every
Parent's Information Diet.
Available at Every Big Y. Every Month.



Also find us at
www.baystateparent.com

